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"The foundation of every State is the education of its youth."—Dionysius.

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With the Deaf and Dumb Girls at Larnay.

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DEAF-BLIND MARTHA AND MARY WITH SISTER ST. MARGUERITE

MARIE HEURTIN.

The Institution.

FRANCE, as is generally known in the silent world, possesses good educational establishments for the young deaf and dumb children of both sexes. Among those, one of the most interesting for its peculiar character and its purpose is Notre Dame de Larnay, near Poitiers.

Poitiers, the chief city of the department of the Vicune, is very old, with gloomy and sad-looking houses, with several universities and a large number of ancient churches and convents. One may sometimes meet, in its narrow and badly paved streets, groups of two or three sisters, dressed in a soft gray-blue costume and very large white caps hanging over a white wimple. They are Sisters of Wisdom, a very well-known sisterhood in the western part of France.

Let us follow these nuns awhile. After a short stay, either in the Cathedral, or at Notre Dame la Grande, they enter a shop in St. Paul's street, No. 26, where are sold church ornaments and all kinds of religious necessities, taken out of band-boxes which they carry with them. They take out splendid embroideries, real masterpieces, destined to enhance the pomp of the Roman Catholic services,—silk-fringed banners on which are written, in gold letters, inscriptions, such as Ave Maria or Pie Jesu, altar-cloths as fine as cobwebs, stoles, chasubles, surplices, etc.

One does not know what to admire most, the snowy muslins on which the needle has drawn arabesques of unexcelled delicacy, or the heavy purple velvet stuffs, covered with emblems, blood-stained hearts, nimbed crosses. How rich is all this fancy work! What an artistic taste, and what ingenuity and patience have been needed to finish them all! But



A SILENT SISTER.

where are they, the skilled embroiderers, the creating hands of these marvels?

Come with me, and you shall see. Leaving their treasures with the shop keeper, our nuns come out of the shop and are again in the winding streets of Poitiers. Ascending and descending many steps, we come at last, to the old fortifications that encircle the town as with a stone girdle. Before us stretch the green country and the golden fields of grain waving under a beautiful blue sky. A three-mile walk takes us to a large open place, shadowed by large trees; in the centre stand imposing, but not very old buildings, gathered round a gothic chapel with its pointed steeple. At a glance, we recognize that it is a religious community; it is called Norte Dame de Larnay.

Just 60 years ago, in November, 1847, the Abbe de Larnay gave its country-seat to shelter a few deaf and dumb girls that were being educated in the town. Since that day, the establishment has increased rapidly and new buildings have been added to the old ones. The name of the institution spread all over France, and to-day, about 250 children find a home there.

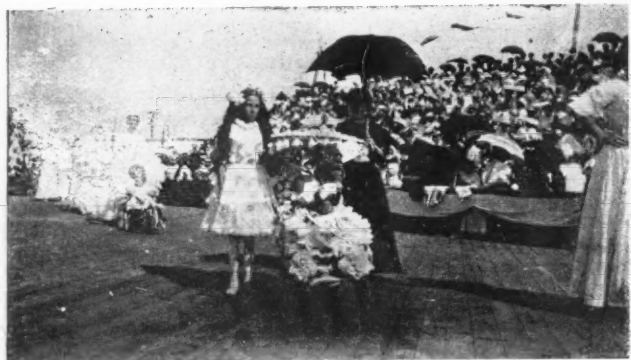
They are admitted from the age of 7; they pay from 400 to 600 francs (80 to 120 dollars) yearly, and sometimes this charge is reduced, if the children have neither parents nor benefactors ready to give the full amount.

Their education is exclusively under the care of the Sisters, who use the oral system and lip-reading to teach their pupils the different subjects taken up in the French elementary schools, *i. e.*, grammar, history, arithmetic, geography, and to which, of course, they add religious teaching, which is forbidden now in every state school.

But if we wish to see the inhabitants of Larnay in their real atmosphere and at their usual occupations, we must leave the school-room, and enter a very large room where the older girls gather for several hours daily.

The furniture consists of seats, and long wooden tables. This is the *ouvroir* or work-room.

Some girls, less advanced, learn how to sew and to knit under the patient direction of the Sisters who go from group to group and often guide between their hands the hesitating fingers of the children. Others, more skilful, make linen fancy-work, lace or crochet. There are others—and it is the greatest number,—who lean over rich velvet-cloths, satin or damascus stuffs, and with a fairy-like dexter-



**A
Baby
Parade
Scene
at
Asbury
Park, N. J.,
Aug. 29,
last.**



ity, embroider them with beads, gold or silver threads, chatoyant silks.

Indeed, these silent little girls are the providers for the shop in St. Paul's street; they furnish episcopal ornaments to nearly every bishop or cardinal of France; they have embroidered the magnificent chape presented to the Pope by the Poitiers' clergy.

It is really impossible, unless you have seen it, to imagine the application they bring to their task. No noise from outside comes to disturb them, so they work diligently, in the quiet atmosphere of this sanctuary. And surely, while their quick fingers make so many pretty things, gently their imaginations float on golden and silvery threads, and create dreams as innocent and pure as the drawings of their embroideries.

They lead a simple life exempt from intense joys, but also from intense sufferings. Their greatest pleasure is, on certain feast days, to dress up in the pretty white costume, which is used only on important occasions, and assist in some extraordinary religious service, or receive, in the park strewn all over with petals of flowers, the fatherly visit of "Monseigneur."

Those children know nothing of outside life with its struggles, of the world so unkind to the silent. Alas! In France, God is expelled from everywhere, and yet Christian societies are the only ones to be good to and extend help to the unfortunate!

Except for a few isolated attempts, nothing has been done to help and guide the adult deaf-mutes, to procure them work, to preserve them from bad companions, and to give them the healthy pleasures and honest entertainments they need.

The girls are to be still more pitied than their unhappy brethren. Carelessly sent into work-shops, factories, printing offices, etc., they are too often the butt of the stupid unkindness of their hearing companions; and, confined in the terrible solitude caused by their infirmity. They seem destined beforehand to suffer the worst miseries.

So it happens, when about the age of 15 or 18, the Larnay girls reach the end of their sojourn in the convent, those who have no relatives to receive them and no home to shelter them, throw an anxious look at that world which may be a horrid desert for them, where it will be so hard to earn their daily bread, where temptations unknown, but guessed, will unmercifully assail them.

To such frightened doves, who dare not fly off, the sisters tenderly say: "Remain here, my daughter. Your home is with us. You will always be free to leave us, but, as long as you choose, you may share our life; we shall give you a little place; you will work and earn your living here as you would have to do somewhere else, but at least, you will be loved, understood, and kindly watched here."

And so it happens on sunny summer Sundays, one can see—touching sight indeed!—under the big oak trees of Larnay little laugh-

ing girls, following in their rounds and mingling in their games with grey-haired and wrinkled nuns who have preserved childish figures and manners in their white muslin dresses.

A Religious Order of Deaf and Dumb Sisters.

The Abbe Charles de Larnay, founder of the establishment, did something better still for his pupils. Struck by the piety of some of them, he asked himself why, since there are blind Sisters, there could not be silent Sisters? Were they by their infirmity prevented from communicating more closely with God, from consecrating their talents, their lives to the service, and finding in Him the consolations they needed? He knew it could not be so, and, after many trials, he succeeded in founding a religious order for the deaf—may be the only existing one in the world,—and called it Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs. Its members are recruited exclusively from among the former boarders at Larnay, who pass their time in the Institution and after their consecration, remain among their companions in the *ouvroir*, doing with them every kind of fancy work and sewing. "They are here chiefly," told me one of the Sisters of Wisdom, "to give an example of little virtues, and they fulfill perfectly well their obligations."

And truly one has only to look at one of these young nuns, dressed in a simple and graceful black and white costume, and to see their gentle smile under the plaited bonnet, to understand that, in spite of their infirmity, they have as well as their companions found in the silent and peaceful community that peerless talisman which is searched for in vain amidst the noise and agitation of the world, *i. e.*, Happiness!

Deaf-Blind Martha and Mary.

Like many other deaf and dumb institutions, Larnay receives some blind boarders, and now gives even shelter to two unfortunate women condemned to eternal silence and complete night, Martha Obrecht and Marie Heurtin.

The former, of Alsatian origin, was a normal baby of three, full of joyful life and exuberancy, when the terrible Franco-Prussian War suddenly began in 1870. The child was seized with horror and fright at the sight of the dreadful things that were happening. All at once, her ears, filled with the crash of the cannonade, closed themselves, her eyes that were dilated with fear at the flash of fire ceased to see.

Then the blind and deaf child was put on board a train like a cumbersome parcel, and sent to the Sisters of Larnay, but without even a letter of explanation. Their first shock overcome, they felt a great pity for that poor little child, and wondered how they could rekindle the divine flame of intelligence which seemed altogether extinguished.

One of the nuns, dead now, but whose name

deserves to be remembered, Sister St. Medulle, consecrated her whole life to that work. By prayers, patience, love, she succeeded at last in teaching Martha how to read Braille's alphabet, how to write it, and how to do easy work, such as brush making and chair bottoming; in a word, she made her live a life very elementary, very incomplete perhaps, but no more the state of gloomy humiliation to which the poor girl had seemed completely condemned.

Still more pathetic is Marie Heurtin's case.

All the deaf-blind who have made their names known by exceptional success were born with all their senses, and for some time they received exterior impressions which, though unnoticed of them, impressed their minds and thus made easier the work of their teachers in after years.

But when Marie Heurtin was born in a poor village near Nantes, she could neither hear nor see. No! never a human voice could she hear, never a voice could respond in her and never her beautiful brown eyes, so bright and expressive, could see the light of the day. Can any one understand the horror of such a double infirmity walling in that poor little being forever!

In old days one would have seen in her only an unconscious heap of flesh, to which some monstrous freak of Nature had given life; and the ancients, to explain and solve such a living puzzle, would have found only this terrible word—Fatality!

But, when the child was taken to Larnay, the Sisters of Wisdom discovered the immortal soul that desparingly struggled inside its double prison of darkness and silence, and, in the same way that Sister St. Medulle had adopted with Martha Obrecht, Sister St. Marguerite consecrated herself entirely to the education of Mary Heurtin.

It is quite impossible here to relate the difficulties she had to encounter, day after day, hour after hour, minute after minute, to obtain that sublime result. We shall only say that, when she entered the institution, Marie, ten years old at that time, was like a wild beast trying to break the bonds that kept her captive, and given to all the passions of her unbridled nature.

The following years, thanks to the sense of touch and the language of fingers, she had learnt to point out everything named to her. Three years later, she was a gentle, sweet, well bred girl, of remarkable cleverness, who wrote her parents letters that many school girls of her age would have liked to acknowledge. She held long conversations with Sister St. Marguerite, and when her religious instruction was finished she approached the Communion table with an angelic fervor.

She is twenty-two now, and those who can communicate with her do not know which to admire most, the development of her mind or the qualities of her heart. Skilful with her fingers, excelling in knitting and basket-work, she is no less a laborious student, and spends the best hours of her days in her study

room, amidst her bookshelves of "white books," there she works quietly, with that bright, marvellous smile which may be seen in every one of her photographs.

Just like Helen Keller to whom she has often been compared, she is an enthusiast, an optimist. She is happy to live, and complains only that time flies too quickly away.

Her blithe disposition makes her a great favorite with the sisters, the children and visitors at Larnay; but the best part of their affection is—is it necessary to tell?—for Sister St. Marguerite. The devotion of one is nearly equalled by the gratitude of the other, and in the complete attachment of the spiritual daughter to whom she has really given the life of the soul and mind, the godly, motherly-looking nun finds her best reward.

May it please God to bless both, and may neither wind nor tempest ever break on the hidden nest under the shadowy oak trees of Larnay,—humble nest devoid of vice and jocund songs, but full of love and tender pity!

YVONNE PITROIS.

Wireless Telephony for the Deaf.

Messages by wireless telephony have been transmitted more than twenty miles, and though the successful solution of the wireless telephone problem is not yet an accomplished fact, considerable progress has been made and the experimenters are very hopeful.

The *Electrical Review* has been considering the possibility of adopting the principle of this invention for the use of the deaf. The microphone, says that journal, has been found very useful in this way, but it has serious disadvantages. One of these is the cord attachment between the transmitter and the receiver. Another is the necessity for the person to whom the deaf one talks to speak into a telephone instrument.

What is needed is the adaptation of one of the wireless systems, so as to do away with the cord and make the movements of the deaf person as independent as those of a man benefiting by the use of eye-glasses. If, further, the transmitter could be constructed so that it would not be necessary to speak directly into it, conversation would be comparatively easy and the great hardship of the deaf would be largely removed.

It does not require a great stretch of the imagination to conceive of a small transmitter placed on a table, the mechanism being driven by a noiseless motor, which would not be conspicuous. This might be sensitive enough to transmit clearly words spoken at some distance from it. The receiving device would, of course, be carried by the deaf person. Or a small transmitter might, perhaps, be carried in the vest pocket, which transmits to the ear the sound it receives.

The man who perfects such an apparatus will confer a great boon on an afflicted class, and will, in addition, reap a large material reward.—*The Circle*.

King Edward's Deafness.

The fact that King Edward, of England, is growing deaf has but recently been made public. Attention has been drawn to it by the recent delivery at Buckingham Palace of a set of instruments of American manufacture for overcoming the difficulty in a measure. These have been specially constructed in the richest and most elaborate manner, and are used in connection with small electric batteries, which may be concealed in the clothing. The instruments are said to be designed for the use of the queen also, she having been afflicted with deafness most of her life.—*North American*.

Pennsylvania.

THE FALL work of the Church, Literary, and the Local Branch of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf is going on apace. The Local Branch had its annual election of officers on the evening of Saturday, September 21. The old officers have all evidently given entire satisfaction, for they were re-elected by acclamation. They are: Harry E. Stevens, President; Miss May E. Stemple, Secretary; and William McKinney, Treasurer. The number enrolled at this meeting is the largest ever known—the total being 121 members. It is hoped that now the Home at Doylestown, which the Branch is chiefly interested in, is out of debt, they will not relax their energies in its behalf. The running expenses of the Home will continue to be a problem, until the Home is either well endowed or receives substantial aid from some fund.

The Church is still out of debt and prospering. Special efforts are now being made to secure the necessary funds to build that long-wanted Parish house. A little paper, named "ALL SOULS' NEWS" appeared on the first of September. It contains the news of the parish, as well as notices in regard to services and meetings. It will, for the present, appear quarterly.

The Clerc Literary Association, which has probably had a longer continuous existence than any other similar society for the deaf in America, it having existed under various names since 1857, is still much alive, and doing much good. Its fall meetings promise to be very interesting, as shown by its published schedule of lectures, readings, and other meetings.

The Gallaudet Club had its meeting at the residence of Mr. R. M. Ziegler in Mt. Airy, on the evening of Saturday, September 28. It proved to be a most delightful social affair, and in spite of a heavy down-pour of rain, there was a good attendance, one, Mr. Francis W. Nuboer, having come all the way from New York. The feasting and cigars were excellent, and of course, about the most interesting part of the meeting.

Quite a number of marriages have taken place since the last number of the S. W. before vacation came. The following are some that have been noticed:

June 29, Walter Jacob and Sarah E. May.

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July 10, Joseph S. Rodgers and Cora L. Ford.

September 18, Greensbury Warington and Mrs. Angelina Bell.

September 23, Levi Cooper and Cornelia M. Rose.

Mrs. Platoff Zane, of Wheeling, West Virginia, was a much appreciated visitor at All Souls' on Sunday, October 20th. After service she made an address to the Bible Class, telling us of the new church recently built for the deaf of Wheeling, on a lot donated by her. The little Church is in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Elizabeth McClurg Steenrod. It is as yet quite unfinished. It is almost bare of Church furniture and it may be some time yet before the Church can be opened for worship. The members of All Souls' will probably contribute a brass altar cross in memory of our own lamented Rev. Henry Winter Syle, the first deaf-mute ever to be invested with sacred orders.

By the munificence of friends of All Souls' Church, through Mrs. Syle, the pastor was sent to represent the parish at the meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church at Richmond, Va. And, indeed, a most enjoyable time was had. Besides attending the meetings of the convention, he took the opportunity to attend the presentation of a Lectern and a Bible to Old Bruton parish Church, Williamsburg, Va., by the President of the United States, and King Edward of England respectively. This old place, Williamsburg, is full of historical monuments. After Jamestown was burned the capital of the colony was removed here, and for many years the house of Burgesses, and the Colonial Governors met here. The house of Burgesses is no more, but the old foundation stones of the building are still extant and pointed out to all visitors. The Old Court House, erected in 1740 is still in use, and there are besides many ancient colonial buildings standing, all which were visited. Not far away is old William and Mary College, the second oldest college in America. The old church, however, is the most interesting building in the village. It was erected in 1678, and is the oldest church in continuous use in America. It has the font from the Jamestown Church in which Pocahontas is said to have been baptized. Here the colonial Governors always attended service, and the elaborate pew reserved for their use is still in place. And during the interesting exercises incident to the presentation of a bible and lectern as above referred to, the present governor of Virginia occupied this ancient pew. Here Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Tyler and Chief Justice Marshall were regular attendants on the services. The Church yard contains many very old graves, some of them with quaint old fashioned epitaphs. In Richmond, itself, there are also very many interesting memorials of the past, of Colonial days, and also of the trying Civil War days, but as Mr. Dantzer expects to recount his visit before the Clerc Literary Association early in December, it would be wrong to anticipate him.

On one of the days during the Convention, the presiding Bishop, Tuttle of Missouri, introduced the four silent missionaries, who happened to be present, viz., Messrs. Mann, Dantzer, Whildin and Flick; and as they were received by the convention standing, the four men felt that they were as good as bishops from the way they were received. And it is probably the first time that so many of our silent workers were presented to so august a body as the General Convention of the Church.

C. D.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 17, 1907.

Married.

On the 28th of last June, Mr. Arthur Cullen, of Hamilton, Ont., Canada, and Miss Cora Pierce, of Paris, (both formerly of London), were united in marriage at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, the Rev. Father Mahoney, rector officiating. The bride is a popular young lady and received many useful and valuable presents from her friends. The bride and groom were graduates of the Belleville School for the Deaf, and they first met when residents of London and became greatly attached to one another which finally culminated in marriage.

After partaking of a wedding supper and receiving the congratulations of Toronto friends, the young couple left for Cobourg where they spent the week at the home of the groom's mother.

The groom is popular in Hamilton and his many friends extend congratulations and wish the happy couple a long and prosperous journey through life.

St. Louis

SOMETIME ago the *Deaf American* announced that it had secured the services of an editor with a "national reputation," but up to the present writing the name of that useful and ornamental functionary has not been revealed. We are not particularly concerned as to the identity of "the man behind the guns" in the sanctum of the *Deaf American*, or elsewhere, but since the paper has gone to the trouble of informing its readers that it has an editor with a "national reputation," it should go farther and give his name so that the borrowers of the paper as well as the paid subscribers may be able to verify the statement at their leisure. A "national reputation" is a mighty elastic expression, but we do not doubt for a moment that the editor of the *Deaf American* has got it. William Jennings Bryan and Pat Crowe both have "national reputations," acquired largely in Nebraska, but the essential difference between them is in the quality. We believe that the name of an editor, provided he is capable, clean, honorable and enterprising, is a valuable asset to any newspaper.

We have received a copy of *All Souls News*,—a neat, attractive, interesting and handy little periodical issued by All Souls' Church, Philadelphia. Our Quaker City cousins enjoy many blessings, not the least of which is the *All Souls News*. We would like to see the paper expanded and adapted to the needs of the Mission field generally. *The Silent Missionary* under the management of the late Rev. Mr. Syle was an excellent paper, but for some unknown reason its publication was discontinued. Its successor, or successors, did not long survive, dying, I fear, from acute indigestion brought on by too frequent overdoses of mileage, postal card, letter, and convention statistics written upside down.

Now that Mark Twain is famous, rich and a citizen of New York, we wonder if he remembers a deaf neighbor of his youthful days at Hannibal, Mo. At any rate Mr. Alexander Wright remembers him. Although he has long been a St. Louisian by adoption he still has a warm place in his heart for Hanni-



ALEXANDER WRIGHT.

bal—and Mark Twain. Mr. Wright is an expert operator on a machinist press at the local plant of the American Brake Co. He has always been identified with the forces which make for the advancement of the deaf of St.

Louis. For a number of years he has been the faithful senior warden of St. Thomas Mission,—rarely missing a service and never except for some good reason. Of regular and exemplary habits, always kindly and courteous, a good neighbor and a faithful friend, his influence in the community, unknown to himself, has been helpful and inspiring. His estimable wife has a nephew who represents the Hannibal district in Congress and she has his promise to assist the Home project later on.

The following item is from the *Wisconsin Times*:

A WELL MERITED APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Duncan Cameron '99, and also a graduate of Gallaudet College '04, has been appointed head



DUNCAN CAMERON.

of the new dairy department established at the Mississippi school at Jackson. He will enter upon his new field of labor at the opening of the school, October 1st. Mr. Cameron is in every way well qualified for the position. For the past three years he has attended the agricultural department of the Wisconsin State University and he is thoroughly posted on all phases of dairying, and our sister school is to be congratulated upon its good fortune in securing his services.

Mr. Cameron is a young man of refinement and high morals, a student and a scholar, a son of the old Badger state of whom Wisconsin may well take pride.

While on his way to the South Mr. Cameron stopped over in St. Louis for a few days meeting old friends and making new ones. He has promised to stop off again on his return trip and give a lecture about practical sanitary dairying. In the course of a conversation with Mr. Cameron he alluded to the fact that in Holland the cows are beguiled into giving more milk than they otherwise would do by the singing of the milkmaids engaged in extracting the lacteal fluid. Perhaps Superintendent Dobyns could profit by this bovine weakness should he provide his cowbarn with phonographs charged with blinking, cud-chewing, "barn-yard" lullabies and set them agoing at milking time.

A little boy attending Gallaudet School recently conceived a novel way of relieving a period of monotony by putting on the front gate of his home yard a sign bearing the inscription: "Beware of the Bull Dog," in large letters, so that he who runs might read, and he who read might run. Developments materialized in rapid succession. The milkman, the iceman, the butcher, the grocer and the postman, one after another, came to the

gate, paused, and passed quietly but quickly on much to the amusement of young America who was watching them unseen. Not receiving her kitchen supplies at the usual time the good mother went out to investigate the cause of the delay. She was not long in locating the sign and, sad to relate, also the boy who was responsible for its being there. Charity suggests that we draw a veil over the scene which followed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, of Guthrie, Okla., with their daughter and Mr. Thompson, of the Kansas School, visited the Home during August. Mrs. Dunham, who, by the way, was Miss Pearl H. Harrison, had an especial object in her visit, for several years ago she made provision for the furnishing of a room there in memory of her mother, Rachel Jane Harrison. The room is now furnished and is very attractive in appearance, being what we might term the "Blue Room," as the walls and rugs are of that tint, and the other furnishings of a pleasing color. With such good friends interested in the Home, it is sure to be a blessing for those whom it is intended to shelter.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

Mrs. Dunham not only performed a kindly and graceful act towards the Ohio Home, but also adopted a sensible and practical course in paying a loving filial tribute to the departed. There are many children of deaf parents in the land, both prosperous and prominent, and let us hope that the good examples set by Mrs. Zane, of Wheeling, in aiding Missions and, by Mrs. Dunham, of Guthrie, in aiding Homes for the Deaf will find many imitators.

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A lady recently called at Gallaudet School with the intention of having her little deaf daughter enrolled, but changed her mind when she learned that the "pure oral" method was not used there exclusively. The merits of the "combined method"—the fitting of the method to the needs of the child—failed to impress her. She frankly stated that she did not mind so much if her child did not progress in her studies provided she learned how to talk. A teacher of the deaf in an oral school had warned the mother against allowing her daughter to come in contact with the pestilent sign-language and the mother accordingly came forearmed. She would not even consider the state schools at Fulton or Jacksonville. No! She would move far away to where her daughter would "learn to talk" quite out of reach of the sign-language. The fact remains, however, that the happiest of the deaf, the best educated, the best speakers and lip-readers among them, are also proficient in the sign-language—and what is more, they are glad of it.

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The Pas-a-Pas Club, of Chicago, which celebrated its silver jubilee on an elaborate scale last summer, and incidentally reduced its silver surplus, has issued a handsomely printed and profusely illustrated pamphlet commemorating that auspicious event. The club has had an honorable career and has always been fortunate in its leaders, as was Xenophon's army,—every soldier in the ranks having the qualifications of a general.

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The first special literary event of the season was the reading of Silas Marner by the principal of Gallaudet School at St. Thomas' Mission hall, 1210 Locust street, the proceeds going to the Home fund. Miss Herdman will give a reading on November 8; Mr. Steidemann on January 10; Miss Roper, February 14th and Mr. Rodenberger, April 10th. Other specials will be arranged and announced later. These are in addition to the regular monthly public opinion lectures and Gallaudet Union literary programmes.

There is a literary treat arranged for nearly every Friday evening at the Mission. An entertainment for the benefit of the Mission, will be given on the evening of November 27th.

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The principal of Gallaudet School and his bride of fifteen years ago, were pleasantly reminded on their crystal wedding anniversary with the gift of a large cut-glass bowl and a genuine surprise party, for both of which some local friends were responsible.

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The engagement of Miss Sarah A. Weiser, of this city and Mr. Fredo Hyman, of Chicago, is announced. They have the congratulations and best wishes of their numerous friends in both cities.

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Mr. George Tureczek has obtained a government position in the printing department of the Mississippi River Commission with headquarters in St. Louis.

J. H. CLOUD.

Stray Straws.

"November's sky is chill and drear,
November's leaf is red and sear."

AND putting away the old white straw hat of last summer's pleasant days there come stray reminders of the Gallaudet College "boys' " and "girls' " reunion held at the college and the meet of the National Association of the deaf at Norfolk, Virginia.

To all those who were once students at old Gallaudet everything about the dear old place seemed unchanged as if twenty years were but yesterday.

The dear old "Prex" himself also appeared as live as ever, and as sprightly as a man only fifty years young.

The "Aluminum" Editor of the *Buff and Blue*, too, was able to sprint around chaperoning the younger co-eds, and to scintillate with wit and gleesome stories as of yore.

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The college had Douglas Tilden as one of its most honored guests. All of us take pride in his world-wide fame as an American sculptor. Those who enjoy the pleasure of his personal acquaintance admire him not only for his genius but for his sincerity and worth as a friend.

And there was also another artist—an artist of the brush and pencil—Cadwallader Washburn, who pocketed his Gallaudet degree some eighteen years ago. Though possessing great wealth, he has always remained unspoiled and has used it wisely and well in travelling and hard study for self-improvement. He has a perfect genius for hard work and has quietly but steadily been making a name for himself. Owing to his retiring disposition, not all are aware of the success and recognition he has already won in the world of art and artists.

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A group of old time alumni and exes gathered on the chapel collonade of the college with the cheerful ebony faced Craig in their midst and busily tested the old fellow's memory as to their identity. He would take a long close scrutiny of each time-worn face that he had not seen for perhaps fifteen or twenty years and then spell out the right name.

Then a feminine ex broke into the masculine group to test the old darkey's wonderful memory for persons. He looked and confusedly remarked that "ladies changed lots more than men did" and gave up. But after he was told that she was one of the original co-eds of the opening of the college to women, he

looked again and brightening with a pleased smile asked if she was "Miss—who once stopped to talk with him about the flowers he was arranging on Dr. Gallaudet's lawn." Having guessed right, he remarked that her "golden hair had faded to brown" and so he did not feel sure at first.

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The Congressional Library at Washington is like a fairy place at night, and during the day it is no less beautiful. It's spacious halls and rooms are full of feasts for the eye, mind, and soul, all at once.

In going through its departments of education, Stray Straws and a friend went into the Blind Dep't. The attendant in charge was a well-bred and courteous lady, who seemed interested in showing various books, photos, etc., of the deaf-blind, and especially Helen Keller, after she found her visitors were deaf.

This lady who was in no way connected with the education of the deaf or deaf-blind, then related how she once attended a notable gathering of educators at which Helen Keller made a speech orally. She said that Helen's teacher was to have interpreted the speech and wondered what was the use of oral speech that had to have an interpreter. However, Helen's teacher was indisposed, so Dr. Bell undertook to fill her place, and managed all right for the opening words of the speech, but finally gave it up, as he, himself, with all his experience with the deaf and the blind could scarcely understand her. And the lady added that then the great audience sat for an hour listening to the rest of Helen's unnatural oral utterances without understanding anything. She emphatically said that Helen was all right in her literary work and should never be pushed on to the public platform for oral lectures.

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At both conventions there was a very tall young man with a big head of curly hair and quizzical eyes peeping out of a pair of spectacles, who was always in evidence with the young belles. He never seemed to take anything seriously (except his books as his spectacles showed him studiously inclined) and when he had nothing better to do he would even tell an old married woman that she "had been born too soon, or he surely would have got her."

There was also a girl—the inimitable "Debby"—with her smile that would never come off and her ability for mimicry which was always sure to draw a delighted crowd whenever it broke loose.

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Wandering around in the Exposition grounds at Norfolk-Jamestown, and trying not to feel disappointed, there were some interesting side experiences. While a party of deaf persons were admiring the beautiful lacquer work and chinaware of a Japanese art room, it was found that the American dressed Japanese in charge was well educated and could write beautifully. He was much interested in his visitors, especially the gentlemen, and asked one "to what nationality he belonged." When informed by the deaf one that he was American, the little Jap seemed surprised and wanted to know if "deaf persons were not of a certain nationality by themselves."

Pausing a minute alongside a beauty booth where a high grade cosmetic and cream was being exploited to the public, one of a party of deaf ladies was seized unawares by one of the attendants who mistook her deafness as meaning "silence gives consent," and sponged and daubed her face with the cosmetic "warranted to cure sunburn, sallowness, and blackheads and impart a good complexion." However, the application was so soothing to the sun-burnt nose and cheeks of the deaf one

that she was a willing victim and reconciled for once to her common fate of always being misunderstood.

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A cute little belle at the conventions was known by her friends to flirt so successfully with old Father Time that he always forgot to imprint the passing years on her vivacious face, but in return she suffered the penalty of never being able to make her toilet on time. So when there was a train to make, or a boat to catch, it generally rested with her friends to do it for her. At Norfolk, when the boat homeward bound was to be taken, there were several solicitous girl friends to send her to her hotel room several hours in advance.

Half an hour after the appointed time, one weary friend went to her room and found her only finishing her hair and had nothing else ready, so the then frantic friends rushed off to look out for herself. In another half hour there was another nervous friend on hand in the young lady's room. There she was "all ready, at last," as she supposed. Her hair was done fine, and her hat and veil were carefully adjusted, and she had on an immaculate shirt waist, but petticoat and skirts were clearly conspicuous by their absence.

The friend collapsed in fits of merriment and advised her to put on her skirts for the sake of appearances before going out.

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There was a large crowd of happy deaf people on the boat going up and down Hampton Roads, on the evening of the glorious 4th, to view the wonderful electrical display of the United States warships and cruisers anchored all along both sides of the "Road." All of those taking that trip will always remember the impressive grandeur of the sight which is beyond mere words of description.

Yet there are always a few to whom all things beautiful are as nothing. One of this kind was on board with too much "snake bite specific" inside of him and he trotted around trying to be affectionately over familiar with his male acquaintances. He approached the dignified Editor of the *New York Journal* and lovingly hugged and kissed him on both cheeks. The astonished gentleman blushing assured the ladies present that the fellow was only under the influence of "too much gin and emotion."

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There was a Sunday pilgrimage to Jamestown Island to view the ruins of old Jamestown and its church. A short and impressive service was read by the two Episcopal clergymen, Messrs. Cloud and Flick, before an appreciative though sweltering crowd of the deaf in the ancient church where the Indian princess Pocahontas was baptized and married.

The old burying grounds of the church contained the graves of many blue-blooded pioneers of the wild sad days when our great nation was being planted. The graves of a husband and wife were covered with two large slabs of stone put closely together, but a tree had sprouted up between the tiny closing and growing into a tall and stately tree had split both stones wide asunder. And the roots of this great tree striking deep down had drawn up the buried dust of the dead couple in its leaves and blossoms to the skies.

The historical associations of that ancient town and church makes one dreamily exclaim with old Omar Khayyam.—

"I sometimes think that never blows so red
The rose as where some buried Cæsar bled."

E. F. L.

It is better to suffer the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of.—*Shak.*

Chicago

DURING the vacation season and summer just past Chicago has about managed to hold her own as to happenings in the deaf world. The usual annual picnics were given by the various organizations, chief among them being the union picnic for the benefit of the Illinois Home Fund on Labor Day. This affair was the largest in point of attendance and proceeds of any of those given and the Fund has received a most substantial increase from its earnings. The attendance included quite a good many out-of-town people from cities and towns of Illinois and her immediate neighboring states, as well as a few from afar. There has been a little discussion as to comparison with the picnic of last year—but as they (comparisons) are odious, especially in this case, it is an open question as to "records" and best left, as it is, undecided.

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The city deaf have been entertaining quite a few visitors of late. The various teachers, college students, vacationists and others who go through this big center of the railways all dropped in at club room, church services or the Frats' headquarters and so a pretty good account of the various gatherings of the deaf throughout the country was gleaned by those who stayed at home. Illinois had no convention this year, but had quite a few representatives at other gatherings, so we have been pretty well posted on the happenings at them all.

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The local organizations are now busily preparing for their fall and winter seasons. Two balls are already announced, those of the Pas-a-Pas club on October 26, and of Chicago Division, N. F. S. D., on November 30. Both will be of the reception kind, leaving the annual masquerades to come later in the season. The Pas-a-Pas club's Literary Circle is in full swing and promises excellent programs for the winter months, while the Frats are arranging for regular monthly social and literary entertainments for their members. The Ladies' Aid Society can be counted on to do its share, too, and with the affairs which will, in all likelihood, be engineered by the Catholic and Lutheran clubs, there will be no dearth of enjoyment for the Chicago deaf this winter.

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The *Illinois Advance* reports that the Home Fund is now close on to the \$4,000-mark. A pretty good showing for the two years work, is it not?

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James I. Sansom, formerly the Chicago correspondent of several papers for the deaf and a well-known Chicagoan, died at a sanitarium in New Jersey, August 31. Mr. Sansom was an employe of the Chicago Post Office and was noted as being the last of the deaf clerks in this office qualified for civil service positions under former laws. He had been suffering with cancer for some years and in leaving for the East the trip was taken in hopes of being of benefit to his fast waning health. The funeral was held in Pittsburg. As Mr. Howard of the *Journal* (with which paper Mr. Sansom was connected for a long time) says, "The deaf of Chicago were very sorry to hear of his death; but think that the severe sufferings which he had borne for a long time had ended at last, and he is at rest."

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The Reunion and Convention days, with their attendant whereas and resolveds are past and we settle down in the same old Micawber-like manner to await results. There were a lot of fine meetings and undoubtedly everybody in attendance had a good time, notably at Norfolk where the side-show was of the finest, and it's too bad the school-bells have to start their ringing just at this time.

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Hecker among the deserters! Whew! What will the friends of the deaf in the ranks of the association of the long name do without his inspiring music on the trump of doom? Anyhow, he has the best wishes of us all in his new field—cultivating the art preservation on his own grounds.

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The *Kentucky Standard*, in discussing the N. A. D. endowment plan, is nothing if not candid in its opinion—and at the same time gives a good example of the usual half-heartedness and pessimism with which the efforts of the few optimistic, earnest workers, put forth in the interest of us all, are received by the fellows on the fence. It uses the following cheery (?) "boost" for the plan: "But as to endowment,—hem; we are having some beautiful fall weather!"

Nice, isn't it?

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Douglas Tilden was a visitor in Chicago during the summer—and a most welcome one indeed. He made friends on all sides and there are quite a few who will hereafter take a more personal interest in his contributions to *THE WORKER*. Mr. Tilden was in town to see to the casting of one of his recent works at a local bronze foundry, and incidentally paying a long deferred visit to old friends and associations in the East.

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The local Frats are still being regaled with tales and anecdotes of the experiences met with by the delegation their division sent to the Society's convention at Cincinnati, July 8-13. There were 27 in the Chicago delegation, including grand division officers and two Milwaukee delegates, and the entire party was a unit in declaring that Zinzinnati Division was the best of hosts.

The Society decided to continue to have headquarters in Chicago. President Kleinhans and Treasurer Barrow had their services for the past two years duly recognized in their being re-elected for another term, and Messrs. R. L'H. Long and F. W. Sibitzky were elected to the respective offices of corresponding secretary and state organizer. These officers, together with Trustees Morton, Bierlein and Gibson, comprise the grand division representatives at headquarters.

The convention itself was a most profitable one and it transacted a good deal of business of value to the Society and its members—among the "improvements" being the increasing of the death benefit to \$500, and the decision to secure a regular fraternal beneficiary organization charter from the Illinois state insurance department, which latter move will place the Society directly under state supervision.

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What a beautiful Home the Pennsylvania deaf have. The cut in the October *WORKER* is a most timely one, giving us as it does a look at the institution we have been reading so much about. The Ohio Home is another of the same kind. How thankful the members of the respective associations which are supporting these charities should be in the possession of such buildings—they are home-like in truth.

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The younger element of the Pas-a-Pas Club

are rejoicing over the recent decision of that body to provide a pool table as a fixture to its quarters. The veteran Charles T. Sullivan will have charge of the table and appurtenances.

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The October *WORKER* has come with its usual store of good things and it is an easy guess that the readers of the paper all over the country (as is the case with those in Chicago) are more than pleased to see its "familiar face" once more.

A story of extraordinary deafness was unfolded at a recent meeting of a medical society in Philadelphia. An elderly woman, exceedingly hard of hearing, lived near the river. One afternoon a warship fired a salute of ten guns. The woman, alone in her little house, waited until the booming ceased. Then she smoothed her dress, brushed her hair back in a quaint manner, and said sweetly, "Come in."—*Young People*.

"Extraordinary!" Well rather; and ten guns too. Most of us would have been in the cyclone cellar (had we one) before the third gun had "boomed."

Indiana.

Superintendent Johnson recently began his twenty-fifth year in the service of our school. The board of trustees met some time ago and elected Mr. Johnson under the new law, which makes permanent the office of superintendent which is to be vacated only by death, resignation or mal-administration on the part of the incumbent. The following minute was adopted by the board:

WHEREAS, Under the new law it becomes the duty of this board to appoint a superintendent whenever a vacancy in such office exists; and,

WHEREAS, Such vacancy does not exist, the term for which the present superintendent was elected having expired by limitation September 1, 1907; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Richard Otto Johnson, the incumbent, who on this day completes a period of twenty-four years of continuous service, five years and nine months as secretary and eighteen years and three months as superintendent, be, and is hereby elected to the office of superintendent of the State School for the Deaf, to serve during his pleasure or until removed by the board of trustees under due process of law.

In acknowledging the honor of the election Mr. Johnson modestly expressed the hope that in his years of service he had accomplished some little good both for the State and the deaf. He hoped that the future would show still greater good, and that the results to be obtained in the school's new location with larger facilities would be just cause for pride on the part of all concerned.

Indiana's institutions are no longer in the hands of political spoilsmen, as they were years ago, but have been placed on the merit basis, of which there is no better exemplification than Mr. Johnson's appointment for life.

One of the most remarkable things that occurred during the recent powder mill explosions at the little mining town of Fontanet, this state, which caused terrible loss of life, the maiming of hundreds and the destruction of buildings for miles around, of which any one posted on current events is familiar, was the miraculous escape from destruction of a baby's picture in the home of a deaf couple who occupied a concrete house half a mile from the scene of the explosions. The house was wrecked, the plastering was knocked off the walls and almost every piece of furniture broken. Through it all, a crayon portrait of a baby boy, beloved by the parents, hung on the wall, not even being moved out of plumb. The glass in the frame was not shattered, and there is not so much as a scratch on

the frame, the sweet little face looking down upon and seemingly affected by the wreck and disolation all around.

Miracles in the year 1907, *Anno Domini*! The lame made to walk and the deaf and dumb to hear and talk. "Impossible!" you say. Yet that is what certain doctors are doing in one of our Indiana towns. As long as a gullible public is willing to be hoodwinked and to pay the good coin of the realm, what do the doctors care?

Let us note one particular case, that of a twelve-year-old girl, deaf and dumb from infancy. Her mother heard of the "marvelous cures" being made by these fakery. They were giving a series of experiments on a big electric-lighted stage on a vacant lot and making demonstrations of their "wonderful remedies." The little girl was taken upon the platform. One of the "great doctors" took her in hand, patted her confidently on the head and announced to the vast throng that he would first make the child hear and then teach her to talk. He made an application of his medicine. Whether poured down her ear or nose, soaked into her hair or merely rubbed into her shins, I am not informed, but behold! the child heard. The miracle performer stepped behind her and snapped his fingers. She turned around, her face wreathed in smiles. The great doctor stepped to the front of the platform and announced, "She hears!" What more wonderful conclusion has ever before been made upon an innocent little grin like that? The audience broke into thunderous applause. The "marvelous man" waited for the big crowd to quiet down and then said: "We will also teach this little lady to talk." Stepping to her side he said: "Say Mamma," and "midst breathless silence" the child said "Mamma." The audience broke into a storm of delirious applause. Oh! it was all so easy, and one calculated to make the scoffer take to the "tall uncut."

By the way, this little girl has been for several years an oral pupil of our school. This fall it was deemed unwise to keep her in that department any longer and she is now in the manual—about as dumb as an oyster and deaf as a post. The great doctor's spell has ceased to do its work in this particular case, but the number of simpletons continues on the increase; their money is just as good as any one else's and these "great" doctors are still very busy men.

ALBERT BERG.

Denver, Colo.

The Denver Association of the Deaf has been incorporated under the laws of Colorado. The certificate of incorporation will be seen hanging on the wall of the club's hall. Everybody is proud of it.

Frank Horton has gone to North Dakota, where he will teach at the school for the deaf. He has a deaf brother Willie, who had a letter from him recently saying that he was much pleased with his position.

October 4, the Denver Association held its business meeting. The most important business was that a historian was introduced thro a suggestion made by Mr. Robert E. Maynard. Miss Edna Drumm had the honor of being elected the historian of the Association.

Mr. Robert E. Maynard is a clever story-teller. On several occasions, he has given the deaf of Denver lectures.

There are two clubs in Denver, namely, the Denver Association of the Deaf and the Denver Deaf-Mute League. The former has an enrollment of thirty-eight active and five honorary members and the latter has a membership of six. Mr. G. W. Veditz is the moderator of the League, and recently appointed Alfred Kent president.

Nearly twenty Denver deaf people read the *SILENT WORKER* and all think that it is an excellent paper.

The Denver Association celebrated Labor Day by having a big picnic at Tolland on the Moffat

Rocky Ford Baseball Team.



Back Row—T. Y. Northern, Mgr.; Kearney, 3b; Deweese, cf; Hill, 1b; Ray, 2b; Caruthers, lf; F. D. Stoop, Pres.

Front Row—Hendricks, rf and p; Moore (Capt.), ss; Rosson, p and rf; Love, c; Payne, c; Kearney, mascot.

Road, about fifty miles west of Denver. Tolland is one of the most beautiful and delightful places in the Rocky Mountain region. There were forty-four merry picnickers. It was stated in the *Deaf American* that only seventeen mutes went there, and the picnic occurred on August 25. This is erroneous.

The deaf are pleased to know that Rev. Mr. Cloud is still writing for the *SILENT WORKER*. During his stay in Denver he kindly gave us a lecture and preached in St. John's Church, both to be remembered. If he ever comes back to Denver he will surely be welcome.

Mrs. F. L. Reid is back from Fort Collins after an absence of several months. She finds that the change has done her a world of good. Mrs. Bessie Lessley's lovely little daughters have been lonely while their grandmother was away.

On Saturday last, Ralph Connell blew in town from the surrounding country where he had been harvesting for several weeks. He will devote his time to improving his homestead farm hereafter. He will follow the Campbell's system of dry farming. We wish him good luck.

Mr. Thomas Northern was a visitor in Denver last month and was also one of the picnickers at Tolland. During the summer he had a baseball team under his management, winning 22 games and losing 5. He came near winning the state championship, but was unfortunate owing to the absence of his best catcher Payne. Rosson and Payne are well known throughout the state as the silent battery. Mr. Northern is doing chemical work in a sugar beet factory in Rocky Ford, Colo.

Two weeks ago Miss Mary Donnelly, a charming lady, was married to Mr. Harry Mercer, of San Diego, Cal., in Colorado Springs, and are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lessley. They used to be schoolmates in Omaha. Mr. Mercer likes Denver so much that he has decided to make this city his permanent home. He is a man of high education.

It is reported that J. C. Nash got hurt on the railroad in Pueblo. According to report his legs were run over by a locomotive, but we hope that this report is unfounded. He is a union printer by trade.

After conducting his printing office for several past months, Frank Lessley has secured a one-year lease from the Banker's Supply Co. In case he is flooded with orders he will employ Edward McGowan as a pressman.

Gertrude, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brockman, has been confined to bed with an attack of typhoid fever for one month, but from what we hear she is improving.

October 8th was Max Kestner's birthday. Max was greatly surprised when he was presented with a handsome gold charm, with his initials engraved thereon. He also received many other presents from his friends. He made a short speech thanking those who remembered him and said that he will remember it for many years to come. This party took place at the Lessley's home.

We are glad to note that Colorado has secured the next convention of the National Association of the Deaf.

Last month Samuel W. Hutton, a deaf globe-trotter, put in appearance in Denver. He is earning his hard-tack by cowpunching in Wyoming. He claimed that he was a broncho busting expert and while Pawnee Bill was exhibiting a show he was offered a position as a broncho buster, but turned it down. Samuel came originally from New York city.

Mrs. C. W. Collins and her daughter Anna, came down from Fort Collins a few weeks ago. She will make Denver her home, which we are glad to hear, as it increases the deaf population and incidentally the membership of the Denver Association.

Carl Bigger is thinking seriously of going to California this month. Work is rather slack in the Blue Ribbon Bottling Co., where he has been working since his arrival from Texas.

John Wear has moved from Kansas City to Denver, for the sake of his daughter, whose health is poor. He is repairing shoes at the Webb Shoe Co.

E. P. M.

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With the Silent Workers

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I STOOD a few feet from the clerk's desk in the Atlantic hotel, the afternoon of my arrival, when a timid looking young woman walked up, and no one had to tell me she was a deaf-mute. She looked at the clerk inquiringly, and he looked at her. Then an idea struck him, and he handed her a pen, and pointed to the place on the Register, for her to inscribe the usual details. She looked at the pen, then at the clerk, and he again showed her where to write. She smiled a bit, made the sign for stupid, as referring to herself, and then, much as children do it, wrote the one word "Susie," accompanying each letter of the name with the head at a different angle, and then handed it back. The



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SOME WELL-KNOWN NEW YORKERS AT THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

clerk shook his head, in sympathy, not in reproval, and pointed out that she should write her other name. Then she got off the stupid sign again, chiding herself, added her last name, and then handed the pen back again. Once more the clerk shook his head, and showed her that the last guest signed his full name and residence, in this instance, Grand Rapids, Mich. She brought the stupid sign into action again, wrote down "Grand Rapids" and took her room key, and distrustfully watching the porter who had her hand-baggage, and entered the elevator, showing unmistakable relief over the initial part of her first experience as a hotel guest. Later on, some local friend told the clerk she wasn't from Grand Rapids, and probably had not intended to register any, but her own town, (which wasn't far from Norfolk, by the way) so the clerk scratched it out and put the correct town in its proper place.

The single session that was held on the Fair Grounds, had it begun anywhere near the advertised time, could have given a big ovation to Brigadier General Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., commanding the Department of the East, and oldest son of the great Soldier-President Gen. U. S. Grant. One of the New York delegation who knew him personally met him just outside the hall, and told him what was going on, and invited him in. With his never failing courtesy, and in spite of the fact that he had but an hour left to confer with his aides, before taking a train to New York, he entered the hall, and though there were only a few present they recognized him instantly, for, besides his strong resemblance to his father, he was dressed in the fatigue uniform of a Brig-General. Sculptor Tilden was one of the few to meet him personally, and the General wrote down that he was very familiar with the Statuary that

Tilden had created for the municipality of San Francisco.

One of the humorous bits of the Convention itself was a nomination speech for one of the minor offices. The young man got up and made a well-timed speech placing in the running a candidate whose virtues and mental equipment he extolled and ending with a bid for everybody's vote. Then he thanked his auditors and had almost reached his seat when the observant Schuyler Long, (or was it Beau Brummel Berg?) got up and asked him why he did not give the name of his candidate? The nominator sheepishly returned to the platform and announced the name of his candidate, who, I believe, after all, won out.

At the headquarter's restaurant most of the delegates took their meals in the rathskellar because it was generally cooler down there. I judge that some of them got tired of the eternal morning, noon and night tipping and



asked to see the proof. It was shown him and he looked long and earnestly, then he was asked did he want a copy?

"Oh, No, only wanted to see it as it might have been over-exposed, but it wasn't!"

As there was two good sleeping hours left, the "tooker" got rid of him by sending him to the hotel office to see if a telegram had come in for the "tooker," and when he got back, if indeed he did, he found the door locked against him.

Not much of a definite plan seems to have been formulated for a day school for the deaf in New York city, but Supt. Maxwell has just sent out letters of inquiry to a great many of the deaf asking how the evening classes in the Public Schools can be made useful for the deaf?

Editor Hodgson of the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* has made individual reply superfluous by pub-



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occasionally forgot to put up the absolutely essential that the palm itched for. One man forgot it so frequently that his waiter gave him his bill itemized, with the following unique charge:

Tip—15 cents.

The photograph reproduced in the last issue was made at lunch time under a hot July sun, nay more, it was a Fourth of July sun, and much as the "tooker", found the heat insufferable, the "tooker" of the picture had his own troubles. The group was posed on the court house steps, and posed no less than four times—that is, it was arranged and rearranged four times to accommodate the late-comers, who came in bunches of about fifty to the bunch. Added to his other troubles the "tooker" had to be a wheel-horse in moving out of the way, two heavy pieces of field artillery that grace the court house lawn—relics of many a hard fight in the "recent unpleasantness on the losing side.

When it was all over, the "tooker" took down his apparatus and hid himself to a shady spot to recover, but he could not rest much because of the presence of A. Regular Pest, Esq., an amateur who wanted to know the why and wherefore of the whole proceeding and seemed very anxious to possess himself of a copy of the picture.

When would a proof be ready?

Tomorrow!

Nay, Nay Pauline!

Five times in the next 24 hours the "tooker" had to dodge A. R. Pest to escape. The proof was shown on Friday but A. R. P. was "taking in" the Exposition, and did not see it. He heard of it however and at six o'clock next morning gained entrance to the SILENT WORKER's staff sleeping quarters (how, no one knew) woke up the photographer and

lishing an editorial which ought to be made into a brochure to be sent out by the National Association to the ends of the land. It is not a lengthy article but is meaty and is brimful of facts and sound sense.

Some little squibs published as news items appear, at a first glance, to be just what they purport to be, and then you read them again and your eyes see, not the news article, but the trail of the serpent, the drops of poisonous venom and the foul fangs.

One such appeared only recently and the author was a woman—a church leader too. The item reflected on a man and on his wife, and on a wee baby—they were married all right, but the item wanted the world to know of frailty that should never have been mentioned as it had been condoned by the Holy tie of marriage:

It was one of those cruel blows that will recoil on the cruel author—not right away perhaps, but all in good time, rest assured.

Here is another item of a totally different kind. The author intended well, but simply chose ghastly unique verbiage to tell the news in, and it is on this account, solely, that the item is quoted:

"Sad news struck this city last week, that Miss _____, the sister of Miss _____ who was educated at _____, yielded up the ghost at the home of their parents."

A deaf-mute poet in a recent poem printed in a newspaper (the poem was of a consolatory nature over a death) and the parents were assured that the little one was with "The Heavenly Swells"—Heavenly swell is surely an odd designation for earth's elect.

A New York deaf man was called to the

'phone where he is employed, and the girl at the receiving end spelled to him:

"Can you meet Mary Campbell at Shanley's at 6.30 and take dinner with her?"

The deaf man reddened up a bit and replied, that, in the first place, he could not place any lady of the name, either in the recent or remote past. And again he reproachfully reminded the girl that he was a husband and a father and was not given to dining out with ladies, other than she who bore his name, and wouldn't she so inform Miss Campbell?

Then wonder got the better of him and he instructed the 'phone girl to ask the lady on the other end if her name was Miss Mary Campbell or Mrs. Mary Campbell—this merely a subterfuge to gain time and satisfy curiosity.

Her fingers got busy and in a moment she spelled, "It's neither Miss nor Mrs., its Mr. MARY CAMPBELL!"

This puzzled him all the more and he asked her to ask the voice on the other end to spell the first name letter by letter, and the answer came.

"He spells it M-u-r-r-a-y!"

Tell him I'll be there"—and I was.

NEW YORK.

There are not as many announcements of public entertainments as there usually are at this time of the year, but later on there will no doubt be more.

The Brooklyn club gives a Hallowe'en affair at its club rooms on October 26th, and the Brooklyn Guild has one arranged for October 24th. Both will be well attended no doubt.

On Wednesday evening, November 27th (Thanksgiving Eve.) the Hollywood boys will have a novel entertainment at Royal Academy Hall, 125th street and Seventh ave. The Hollywood boys like their Brooklyn Fraters are the real goods in the entertainment line and deserve the patronage of all.

In January the Union League give a reception and entertainment at Plaza Hall, 59th street, Park and Lexington avenue, on Saturday evening, January 18th. Arthur C. Bachrach is the Pilot and Emil Basch directs the stage diversions.

The League of Elect Surds have not announced, and probably will not give any public entertainment, though they will have their annual New Year's Jubilee, for the members only.

The Xavier Club has affairs at its rooms now and then, but it is a bit too early to know the details of their Post-Leuten affair, which is a fixture.

So far the members of the congregation recently formed to give those of the Hebrew Faith religious ministrations, have only held meetings for purpose of worship, but no doubt they will plan for something in the entertainment line.

At St. Ann's there is something going on every Tuesday evening, but the happiest event the church has seen for a long time was the marriage of Dr. Chamberlain's assistant, the Rev. John H. Keiser to Miss Gertrude Turner. A reception followed at the Rector's home near by and the young couple were given a jolly good send off.

ALEX. L. PACH.

Valued Sight the Most.

Lord Bacon, being asked which he would rather lose, if he had to, sight or hearing, replied:

"If I were deaf, many unpleasant sounds of the world I might never know, but if I lost sight, then forever would I be deprived of the vision of God's most wonderful handi-work—this universe."

National Association of the Deaf.

By unanimous vote the Executive Committee of the National Association has empowered the President to appoint a committee of fifteen members to take up the federal plan submitted to Norfolk, to go over it carefully, patiently and slowly, and to endeavor to evolve a scheme that will be as perfect as they can possibly make it, and to submit the result to the Association at its next meeting in 1910.

This committee is to consist of the Executive Committee and six other members of the Association, and I therefore have the honor to announce its composition, as follows:

G. W. Veditz, Colorado, Chairman, *ex-officio*.
John W. Michaels, Arkansas.
William C. Ritter, Virginia.
J. Schuyler Long, Iowa.
Thomas Francis Fox, New York.
James L. Smith, Minnesota.
N. Field Morrow, Indiana.
B. Randall Allabough, Pennsylvania.
E. Clayton Wyand, Maryland.
Chester C. Codman, Illinois.
Robert P. McGregor, Ohio.
James M. Stewart, Michigan.
Peter T. Hughes, Missouri.
Oscar H. Regensburg, California.
Philip L. Axling, Washington.

The Executive Committee further authorized the President and Secretary of the Association to arrange for the publication for the proceedings of the Norfolk Convention. The committee in charge will consist of:

Mr. William C. Ritter, Chairman, Hampton, Va.
Mr. Thomas M. Jenkins, Portsmouth, Va.
Mr. Geo. W. Veditz, Colorado Springs, Colo.

In this connection it should be stated that the Norfolk Local Committee has generously decided to apply the entire surplus in the treasury toward the cost of printing the proceedings, and to donate the balance, if any, to the Association.

The Executive Committee further has by unanimous vote selected Colorado Springs, Col., as the meeting place of the Convention of the Association in 1910, and announcement is herewith made accordingly. This action is germane to the instructions given to the Committee by the Norfolk Convention, and is taken thus early in order to remove all doubt, and to give everybody interested ample time to make preparations for the great trip.

The Executive Committee has also designated this 1910 Convention a World's Congress of the Deaf, and a cordial invitation is herewith extended to our deaf-mute brethren in foreign lands to attend.

In accordance with the above action of the Executive Committee I therefore have the honor to announce the Program Committee of the Colorado Springs World's Congress of the Deaf, as follows:

Mr. George W. Veditz, Chairman, *ex-officio*.
Mr. Albert Berg, Indiana.
Mr. Frank Ross Gray, Pennsylvania.

The Program Committee will make it a special duty to advertise the Congress among the European deaf, Mr. Gray taking France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy as his territory; Mr. Berg, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland; and Mr. Veditz, Germany, Australia, Hungary, the Netherlands and Scandinavia.

No effort will be left untried to awaken such interest and enthusiasm among a large representation from each Nationality, and thus to make the coming Congress, the greatest of the kind in history.

I take pleasure also, in announcing the Local Committee, as follows:

G. W. Veditz, *ex-officio*, Chairman.
John C. Winemiller, Colorado Springs.
Clarence P. Jones, Colorado Springs.
Frederick Bates, Colorado Springs.
Alfred L. Kent, Denver.
Floyd O. Mount, Denver.

An Auxiliary Committee, consisting of representative deaf-mutes from various parts of Colorado, and

a Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, will be announced later.

No effort will be spared to make the 1910 meeting the most noteworthy and successful in the annals of the National Association of the Deaf, and in behalf of the Local Committee, I would beg every fellow deaf-mute in the United States to regard himself a silent, but very active partner of the Local Committee, and to assist in making this World's Congress the greatest on record, adopting as a motto:

"1910—Pike's Peak or Bust—1910!"

Fraternally,

G. W. VEDITZ.

President National Association of the Deaf,
COLORADO SPRINGS, COL., August 23, 1907.

WEDDING BELLS.

WARWICK—MORTIMER.

A very interesting event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, 111 Warwick avenue, Rochester, N. Y., on September 18, 1907, when their bright young daughter, Miss Florence, became the bride of Mr. Charles Henry Mortimer, of Hamilton, Ont., at 2 P.M. The interesting ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. E. P. Hart, pastor of St. Marks Episcopal Church, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators.

The bride was gowned in white dotted swiss with a shower bouquet of roses, and was attended by her younger sister, Miss Helen, who also looked most becoming in a gown of white swiss.

The popularity of the young bride was clearly shown by the large number of beautiful, costly and useful presents that were showered upon her from London, England, New York city, Albany, N. Y., Rochester, N. Y., Vermont, Pittsburg, Pa., Quebec, Toronto, Napanee, Hamilton and Winnipeg, Canada. Magnificent pieces of cut glass figured conspicuously, while a handsome purse of gold was received from her parents. The groom's gift to the bride being a lovely sun burst of diamonds and pearls and to the bridesmaid a beautiful gold locket and chain.

After a hearty wedding supper, to which they did ample justice, the happy pair left for a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other eastern cities, and are now comfortably settled down at 46 Alanson street, Hamilton, where any of their old friends are made most welcome.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer are honorable graduates of the Belleville School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Mortimer is a sweet young lady of pleasant manners and kind habits while Charlie is a man of wonderful qualities and frugal habits. He is one of the best known deaf horticulturists in Canada, and his home is a marvel of beauty and has often won first prize for the best kept flower garden in his native city. May they enjoy nature's fullest blessings is the wish of all their friends.

SCHUTZ—MADDEN.

Michael J. Madden, of Nashville, Tenn., and Mary G. Schutz, of Evanston, Ill., were married at 6 A.M. Mass in St. Michael's Church, Evanston, September 4th, 1907. Rev. P. L. Biermann performed the ceremony. The best man was Mr. A. J. Sullivan, of Baton Rouge, La., while the bride's sister, Miss Celeste Schutz, of Evanston, Ill., acted a maid of honor. The happy couple will be "At Home" after October 1st., at 609 Woodland street, Nashville, Tenn.

And Here Is Another O. E. S.

EDITOR OF THE SILENT WORKER:—I have just read an article in your paper from Mrs. Anna McGowan Morin wherein she claims to be the first and only deaf-mute admitted to the order of Eastern Star. May I be allowed to state that I became a member of Edgewood Chapter No. 118 O. E. S. at Russell, New York, in 1902, by special permission of the grand chapter. It was said at the time I was the only deaf-mute in the order.

CLARA P. SMITH.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.



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Thanksgiving next.

But two months 'till our Christmas holiday.

THE Bible Class of St. Mark's Church in Atlanta is probably the banner one of the country. It has thirty members.

The splendid musical festival at Taylor's Opera House and the Fair would have been among our losses during October had we been buried in the woods.

OUR mailing list is upwards of
Not so bad. six hundred larger to-day than it was a year ago, and it now goes to almost every part of the civilized world.

For Willie

A "DAIRY DEPARTMENT" is the latest "trade" or "art" or handicraft" or "profession" (now really, what would you call it) to be introduced into a school for the deaf. Its simplicity certainly commends it, and we have within our walls a pupil or two that we think it would just suit; for you have only to learn to chase up the cow, to attach the patent milker, to dump the lacteal fluid into the separator, and—there you are.

In Arcady.

THE 4th of the month was the day assigned us at the great Inter-State Fair, and, for the first time in many years, weather conditions came pretty near causing us to lose the great treat. It just "rained cats and dogs" when we got up, and, until the middle of the morning, it seemed that we were doomed to disappointment. About eleven o'clock, however, it "broke away" and there was an immediate scurry for the grounds. The hay-wagon and the trolley parties reached the gate about the same time and by high noon we were feasting our eyes on the beauties exhibited. These

were pretty thoroughly taken in by two o'clock when we all repaired to the grand stand where a series of balloon flights, races, and vaudeville entertained us until nightfall, and, after all, a thoroughly enjoyable day was ours.

A Prayer for Teachers.

THERE are few who realize the burden that teachers take up when they return to the new year of work in the fall. Even teachers, themselves, fail to enter upon it with the sense of responsibility that the work demands, and, taking up their duties lightly, and, bearing them without due appreciation of the solemn duty that is entrusted to them, fall far short of attainment of that excellence, which should be every teacher's aim. There comes from a girl, a teacher in one of the schools just south of Mason and Dixon's, to the Rev. Dr. Niles, of Philadelphia, a letter that, just now, may well be read and re-read by every one engaged in the training of the child. When you see what she says you will know how gladly any parent would give the charge of educating their dear ones into the hands of such a girl. She writes:—

"If you have a few moments alone, you might offer a prayer for teachers and a little prayer for me.

First. A prayer for love—that my heart would be filled with love to guide those little hearts and minds aright—to give them a start, a gentle, loving beginning on that wonderful, long road of "learning"—so they will see and know the beautiful things around them. To hold the little hands firmly so the little feet won't slip; so they will know there's some one near to help them over all the rough places.

Second. And oh, a prayer for patience! Patience with the love to lead carefully the quick ones: to stand by those who plod; to go back cheerfully and help those who are slow!

Third. And ask Him to give me a happy heart—they need it and I need it so; to know just when to laugh, to teach them to see the funny things—to help them to have all the fun they can.

Fourth. And pray that I'd have a right judgment—a fair and square judgment in all things—in the smallest thing, for little things mean so much to little people.

Help me to understand their little troubles.

Fifth. And, finally, pray that I will be worthy their wonderful love and that I may repay them tenfold. In other words, ask Him to give me love and patience, courage and strength—a big heart, a right judgment, a helping hand and—I shouldn't forget—a soft, and gentle manner. Those are some of the things I need to pray for. I am so willing to do and I'll do my best, but I can't do it alone some days. There ought to be a special guardian angel to watch over and help teachers; children are such queer little things—they ought to have the best men and women that live to guide them. Oh, if I could only know how to teach them what is good and best and true—if I could only help them on to better things! Well, I'll do my very best—by the help of God!"

Dr. Niles has made this prayer, and to the "faith" that was in him, when he went to the mercy seat, may every teacher in the land add those "works" that are necessary to secure the divine plaudit, "well done!"

Never too Late

THE Ohio school, one of the most up-to-date of American schools in other respects, has only just this fall, abandoned its old hollow square system of setting the tables, and has placed each and every table separate and apart from all the rest. It is strange how school dining-rooms have clung to the traditions of end-to-end or hollow square arrangement. They are fast passing now, though, and another decade will find them wholly a thing of the past. Bro. Jones has not only made this departure with regard to his tables, but has taken a stride in advance of all of us by placing "a high class girl" at the end of each table, "to pass the drinks." The innovation does not impress us particularly, at first sight, but we shall be willing to take Brother Jones' judgment in the matter after he has tried it a year.

At Rising.

THERE is nothing more beautiful in the language than the pathetic little appeal to God, known as "The Child's Prayer." As an evening prayer it is all sufficient for young and old. The one suggested by the *Courier Journal* in a recent issue, for morning use, is just as simple and just as expressive, and may be well adopted by every one of us.

It is this:—

Now I get up to my work,

I pray the Lord I may not shirk,

If I should die before the night,

I pray the Lord my work's all right.

Amen!

How about the matter?

THE *Silent Echo* sees great improvement in the papers published by schools for the deaf this fall, and says, enthusiastically, that "they have been made attractive by new type, headings, and trimmings, and the paper also is of a better quality." Strangely enough upon the subject of the matter they contain the *Echo* is silent.

AND now it is announced that the oral method has been introduced at Belleville. How easy it is to get erroneous impressions! Do you know, we always thought that the oral work in Principal Mathison's school was equal to any in the new world—or is it only the name that is changed.

WE have a half dozen appeals from ex-pupils, who made the mistake of leaving school before they were fully educated, asking for re-instatement. Unfortunately, in our present greatly crowded condition, we can offer them no encouragement.

We take much pleasure in presenting to our readers in this issue of the *WORKER* an original article by Mlle. Yvonne Pitrois, the gifted young French writer who has been totally deaf since the age of seven years and of whom a sketch appeared in the *WORKER* of last November.

School and City

Blessed October!

Old Boreas is playing sad havoc with our shade.

Grace Apgar and Mr. Decker, of Orange, were visitors on Friday.

Hans Hansen has a world of interesting things to tell about his vacation.

The boys have been quite successful in their apple and chestnut hunts of late.

Mr. Lloyd's lecture on "The King of the Forest" was an especially fine one.

The last two weeks in October were the two most beautiful ones of the year.

Mary Sommers received cards from Minnie Bogart and Clara Breese, last week.

The smaller children had a fine long walk with Mr. Walker, on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Koehler delivered a nice little lecture to the children on the morning of the 22nd.

The Basket-ball teams have pretty much all their dates filled for some time to come.

Clarence Spencer is one of the few wood-workers who can put a saw in first-class order.

Charles Quigley has just finished carving a number of souvenir spoons which are beauties.

Splendid editions of the works of Kipling and Stevenson have just been added to the Library.

Milton Wymbs confesses a liking for water-melons, and says they grow big and luscious around his home.

Miss Dellicker spends her Saturdays at Columbia College where she is taking a special course in History.

Many children got the roller-skating craze while at home, and with not a few the interest continues unabated.

Alfred Shaw is clamoring for a place in the Printing Department, and the first opening will probably be his.

Joseph Adlon has taken up show-card writing and sign painting and has already done some beautiful work.

The girls' sitting room is certainly an attractive spot now, with its beautiful new carpet and furniture.

The conduct of our children when "invited out" is always such that they are invariably invited a second time.

If a prize were given for penmanship this year, it would come pretty near falling to the lot of Esther Clayton.

Arthur Blake says the best friends he has in the world are his parents and his teacher. This is as it should be.

We looked in vain for the French and German balloons which passed over here in their flight on Monday.

A scow-load of hay belonging to Hartley Davis' father sank a couple of weeks ago, entailing considerable loss.

The English walnut and chestnut crops have been garnered from our grounds. Both were quite abundant, this season.

Eliza Smith thought she had made quite a find when she picked up the big English walnut in the yard, on Wednesday.

Our boys and girls are greatly interested in the election, and are reading with avidity every line bearing on the prospect.

Everett Dunn's birthday was a red-letter day to him, made especially enjoyable by a big box of goodies from his mamma.

Willie Henry and Robert Logan frequently go to church with Mr. Sharp, the latter always translating the sermon for them.

While away during August, Grace Apgar visited Clara Breese and Minnie Bogart. She reports having had a delightful time.

Our weather vane is on strike. It has set itself at north by west and no persuasion by the elements seems to have any effect on it.

The speech and lip-reading of Joseph Adlon, Wm. Blake, Willie Stocker, Hans Hansen and Anthony Zachmann are quite out of the usual.

Alfred Shaw wrote his mamma a very nice letter on Monday, but forgot to mail it, and so caused disappointment at home, after all.

The day after Ruth Ramshaw arrived her uncle Mr. Phelps, and two neighbors, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Snitzer called to see her.

Theodore Eggert received a very pleasant call from his parents on the 18th inst. They were delighted to see how well he could operate the linotype.

Milton Wymbs says his papa went gunning and tore his pants on the fence. How often we have gone gunning ourselves and had just about that much luck.

John Casper Hetzel is the last acquisition to our numbers. He hails from Jersey City, and brings with him quite a vocabulary and some use of language.

The boys have just received from Stoll & Co. a professional foot-ball of latest make, and they all thoroughly enjoy it on the lawns these bright afternoons.

Cora DeWitt and Frieda Heuser have been the recipients of a number of beautiful postals of the Jamestown Exposition, sent them by their friend Mrs. Baker.

Our first re-union of the year was held on Saturday evening, the 28th. There was a full attendance and the games and marches were thoroughly enjoyed.

To Miss Katharine Hall our most sincere thank are extended for our invitation to the Parada, one of the most delightful entertainments we have had this year.

We now have forty magazines and illustrated papers on our list, which together with our exchanges and three thousand books, certainly affords reading for all.

Mary Sommers and Maud Griffiths assisted at the Supper given in Bethany Chapel, on Tuesday evening. They report having had a fine luncheon and a thoroughly enjoyable time in every way.

Mr. Walker received a long and interesting letter from Mrs. Townsend a couple of weeks ago. She says that Roy is engaged in an electrical appliance works and doing well. Good for Roy!

Mr. Johnson had charge of the chapel-exercises, on Sunday morning, and gave the children a very interesting exposition of the Lord's Prayer.

In a very interesting journal written by Joseph Adlon, on Friday, he says, among other things, "the slices of watermelon that was served for supper on the 27th inst., created a thankful atmosphere."

The boys are looking anxiously forward to the time when they will have a swimming pool. It would certainly be a glorious addition to our pleasures, and why couldn't the girls learn to swim too.

Is it a case of forethought or extravagance? Charles Colberg, Willie Battersby and John McNee each brought from home a little over a dollar in spending money with which they intend to buy Christmas presents.

Pretty new curtains placed by Miss Wood over the lower sashes of her windows add greatly to the neatness of her room. They also prevent curious little boys and girls from spending too much time looking out.

Maude Thompson writes: "I am sometimes lonesome without my school-mates, while at home, but am always well and happy at school." Maude is promised a fried chicken and a pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, and is happier than ever.

Seventy of the wee ones took a long walk with Mr. Walker in the suburbs, after chapel, on Sunday morning, and the rag-dolls, beetles, bird plumes, colored bits of glass, marbles, and other precious things they found on the way would fill a basket.

Willie Henry, Charles Quigley, Robert Logan, Arthur Blake and Carmine Pace have been appointed monitors on the boys' side this year and Mary Sommers, Maud Griffith, Lily Stasset and Minnie Brickwedel hold similar positions with the girls.

Among the visitors of the month was Mr. Albert Taylor, of Chester, Pa. Although a hearing and speaking young man, he has interested himself in the deaf to the extent that he is able to use the manual alphabet and signs almost as fluently as an expert.

Our "man Friday," which name we have given to George Brede on account of his adaptability, is now working a period a day in the printing office. He is the youngest member on the working force and the fault the older ones have with him is that he is too eager for work.

Preparations on a large scale are about completed for Hallowe'en. Our cider and cakes are all laid in, and in almost every nook and corner there is tucked away a mask or fancy dress. All are anticipating a good time, and, from the looks of things, no one will be disappointed.

Lawn-tennis and Croquet have been abandoned for the year, and attention is now being turned to in-door sports. There is great anxiety among our children to learn the new game, diabolo, which has created so much interest in Europe, but which, as yet, we have not had an opportunity of witnessing.

Maude Thompson was unfortunate enough, one day last week, to loose the pretty watch her mother gave her while she was at home. Maude sought it in vain and then in her grief, went to her room and prayed long and earnestly that she might be spared the shame of knowing that she had been careless with her pretty gift. To her prayers were added those of Maude Griffiths and then the search was renewed. To the great joy of both, the watch was found and their faith in the efficacy of prayer is now unbounded.



More Time in the Trade School?

THE National Educational Association at its convention last summer adopted the following preamble and resolution, the author of which is Prof. C. R. Mann, of the University of Chicago. The presentation is so important that it is given in full:—

WHEREAS, The reports of the National Commissioner of Education show that over 95 per cent of the people of this country receive all the education they have in the public grade schools, and that about 70 per cent of these people do not pass entirely through these schools; and

WHEREAS, These people compose the classes who work with their hands in the production of the wealth of the country; and

WHEREAS, About 1,000,000 of these people are annually registered in correspondence schools, endeavoring to learn, late in life, at their own expense and in an indirect and unsatisfactory way, things which the State should teach them in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, The educators and Governments of other Nations are fast developing systems of industrial and technical education for the working classes, so that this Nation, if it desires to retain its commercial supremacy, cannot afford longer to ignore this serious condition of affairs; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Department of Manual Training of the National Educational Association, do hereby petition the Council of the Association to appoint a committee of 10 to prepare and submit a report upon the following points: What are the present and possible future educational needs of the working classes in this country? What are the provisions now made by the State and otherwise for meeting those needs? What is being done by other Nations for the technical and industrial education of the working classes? What steps, if any, should be taken in this country toward providing adequate technical and industrial education for the working classes?

In almost every school for the deaf in the United States, there is attached thereto a trade-school department, wherein various useful trades are taught deaf pupils. We say that *trades are taught* because the vast horde of people repeat that when a boy or girl has received instruction in any particular form of business that he has learned the trade. Far better would it be to say the truth, that the deaf boy or girl has only *learned the rudiments of a trade*. The reason for this is that with the hue and cry for more time in the school room, occasioned by the misdirected theory of teaching the deaf completely by visible speech method, to the ultimate result of curtailing the period of time allotted to trades teaching, the pupil loses so much time in consequence that he has but a very weak smattering of the *details* of a trade as to enable him to pursue it with success when school days end. The extra time in the school room, (*of utmost necessity in order to show results*), is a hardship on the nerves of the pupil and teacher alike and thus the time calculated to boost along the misleading oralism method is lost entirely. Of course, it doesn't hurt the institution any—the institution goes on forever. But it hurts directly and severely the after-school life interests of the pupil and shortens the usefulness of perhaps good teachers of the deaf, who, were they not submissive, would be using entirely different means of infusing "education" into their deaf charges. It is only necessary to state a single instance to prove this to be true, in recording the great change of front which came over the principal of the Portland, Me., school when called to the principalship there after teaching long in the Pennsylvania School at Mt. Airy, which is said to use the *oral method exclusively*. Ah! they who say such repeat but an idle, iridescent dream. The truth is that the very same institution is one of the foremost schools in the country where a combination of methods are employed.

Then the introduction of modern and labor saving machinery robs the deaf-mute of all that he has learned, because he has not learned sufficient of his trade to go beyond the limit line of machinery. The printer finds the linotype and monotype stumbling blocks; the shoemaker runs into an array of stitching, molding and assembling machines; the carpenter finds formidable machinery of the mills a competitor that he cannot

butt against, likewise the cabinet maker. So the question of trades teaching to the deaf becomes one of utmost interest to all concerned, and it is but right that their future welfare should receive deep and careful consideration, instead of shoving them in the class room more hours a day, where the extra time is probably spent loafing over trifles that are of no earthly use to them, and the excuse given for which is that it takes longer to teach the deaf now-a-days under the improved method. *Improved method!* Bah!

It would seem that printing would be the best trade for the deaf to pursue. It was, and would be still, were it not for the fact that certain drawbacks in the school room incident to the change of instruction methods and by teachers who do not understand the deaf, hold them back—hold them to a limit line beyond which very few deaf pupils advance. This is the reason—the remedy is very much apparent.

Imbued with the idea that the institution printing office is the place where the dullards may improve their use of grammar and come to a use of fluent and good English through "copy" and type, many of our institutions clog the wheels of progress and retard the advance of the really bright apprentices by filling the shop with boys who will become farmers and blacksmiths and hod carriers the day after they leave school—but as for being printers, goodness knows the day of the half educated deaf hand-man is past forever. Even those of the deaf who have so good a command of English as she is spoke and writ, as to master the wonderful type-setting machines will meet with competition and reverses that will test their merit, grit and determination. Not only that, but now many machines are fitted with telephone apparatus, and the operator receives "copy" by telephone instead of manuscript, and his intelligence and understanding are great helps, indeed. How much so the mediocre "education" of a fair deaf operator? But then, the book and job rooms are open to the skill and wisdom of deaf operators.

Pupils who *learn* carpentry at school, however handy they become to the order of things, find deafness a serious drawback after leaving school. Those of fair education will become carpenters helpers—they will be able to saw a straight marked line, use the bodkin, plane a board and drive a nail where told, but there their usefulness ends. Of architecture they know nothing, of blue prints very little; of the foot rule, well, that is the Waterloo of many would-be carpenters and cabinet makers. The multiplication, addition, subtraction and division of the fractional parts of the inch, foot, etc., are so complex and interesting, that not only should *carpenters only* to be know the foot rule thoroughly, but every pupil that enters a trade school, no matter what the calling. Then Architecture would seem to be the thing to turn to. How many schools teach architecture? The deaf architects in the country can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Of those who *learned* shoemaking and tailoring at school? Well, we all know the inevitable consequence that follows those deaf who *learned* and stuck to the trade. Most of them settled down to the fate of common cobblers or bent over sewing machines in sweat shops. Surely, those who had the interest and future welfare of the deaf in thought while these miserable people who bent over their benches in sweat shops were in school *learning the trade*, could not have *thought very hard* of the future picture to be presented to their astonished (?) imagination.

It has been said that the State Institution for want of funds, are not able to instal up-to-date machinery and contrivances, or increase the number of useful trades that can be taught the deaf in order to compete with his up-to-date brother. Then if the mountain will not come to them, why not go to the mountain—that is why not the installation and realization of a post-graduate course in some up-to-date trade school for the hearing, or send them direct as apprentices to firms that have every necessary contrivance for a complete mastery of the trade, for a period of three or four years. The deaf are poor and cannot hope to gain this advantage after the school room has done with them, and must knock about for a living, sacrificing whatever they have learned of some good trade at which they cannot get employment, because they do not know enough of the *details*, to work at something they

can do but which renders them poor for life, when by taking the post-graduate course, they might have risen to be influential citizens and well off in this world's goods. Instead of being poor, miserable workers of the sweat shops, and meekly saying "I was taught at school," after a post-graduate course and higher attainment, they could throw out their chests proudly and with prosperous appearance, say:— "I am a graduate of—Institution and am proud of it—the grandest school on earth." What school can afford to miss such a grand advertisement? That is what a post-graduate course is capable of doing.

R. E. MAYNARD.

The Deaf of Sunny Kansas.

The Kansas School for the Deaf opened on the 4th of September with a good enrollment.

A fine time was had with the gathering of the deaf at Winfield, Kan., on the 4th of July last.

Although the crowd was small, which numbered thirteen, they enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. F. A. Sprague, of Iola, Kan., as secretary of the society of Deaf-Mutes, which held their picnic at Wichita on that day, is mainly responsible for the small attendance at Winfield, as he sent out cards to almost every deaf person in the state with the statement that there would be held "No picnic at Winfield."

There were several mutes who were able to reach the city, but were prevented in that way in order to draw the biggest crowd at Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Wilson, of Wichita, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cox at the latter's home eight miles southeast of Belle Plaine, Kan., is a graduate of the class of '03 at Olathe.

The Barnum and Bailey Circus at Wichita, October 8th, drew a great crowd. As far as can be heard of no mutes were there, except Frank E. Miller and J. S. Cox.

Mr. Edward L. Roach, one of the most skillful wood turners by trade, has a position in the Western Planing Mill at Wichita. He draws a salary of \$18.00 per week.

Mr. Joseph F. Skripnick, a product of the School for the Deaf at Olathe, Kans., has a fine job on a four hundred acre farm near Wichita. He is a semi-mute and is able to talk the English and German languages. He has a rig that he uses for pleasure.

Miss Bessie Donaldson, formerly of Greenleaf, Kan., is now a resident of Wellington, Kan. She is a graduate of the class of '03 at Olathe.

On the 22nd of September, there was a gathering of mutes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hokanson, near Derby, Kansas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Roach, Mr. William Hokanson and Miss Bessie Donaldson. All report having a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Stutzman, both deaf people, are residing in Winfield. Mr. Stutzman is employed in a jewelry store there. He is well pleased with his position.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dibble, nee Adams, are making their home in Wichita, Kan. Stanley works in a furniture establishment.

The friends of Mr. Arthur Wait, of Sawyer, Kan., and Miss Katie Rust, of Orlando, Okla., are surprised to hear that they were recently joined into holy wedlock. Best wishes and happiness go with them.

Charles C. Tyons, formerly a pupil of the Iowa Deaf School at Council Bluffs, is living in Wellington. He works at different trades.

The officers who were in charge of the picnic at Winfield, Kan., last July the 4th, still hold their places for the next picnic. All mutes in reach of the next picnic are told to come and do not forget the place. The Committee will arrange a bigger and better time so that the mutes will enjoy themselves.

Mr. John C. Hummer, a deaf mute and at one time a teacher in the Iowa School for the Deaf, has a fine home near Chanute, Kansas. He has

many oil wells on his place and makes pretty good pay from them.

John Hunes, of Burlingame, had the opportunity of coming to Wichita to attend the picnic for the deaf on July the 4th last. In addition he visited his sisters Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Mrs. John Hembree, both of near Wichita.

Frank Miller spent a short vacation at Caney, Kansas, last August. It was a very pleasant trip and while there he enjoyed much of his time going about the glass factories and zinc factory. Several deaf-mutes are employed there who receive good wages. Caney has been steadily growing during the past few years. This is because the people have found gas a very cheap fuel.

"By Puck."

The Third Annual Convention of the Maritime Deaf-Mute Association.

The Maritime Deaf-Mute Association held their third annual convention in the Young Men's Christian Association building at Truro, the fair railway town of Nova Scotia, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, which was a grand success and the best of the previous conventions. The delegates began to arrive at noon on Saturday, August 31st, and increased toward midnight and Sunday morning. They were first looked after by Mr. Boal, who was obliged to wait till evening for the arrival of the president who was detained in his duty at the railway office at Moncton.

At 9 A.M., Monday morning, the delegates assembled to spend an hour in conversation till the arrival of Mayor Murray, of Truro, who opened the convention with a commendable address, which was interpreted by Miss Agnes Johnston, formerly one of the assistant teachers at the Halifax Institution, followed by a hearty applause from the audience.

President Mackenzie then read his reply of thanks to the Mayor on behalf of the association.

Then the president delivered his address.

Secretary Goucher rose and explained his duty as Secretary for the past year. The Mayor departed amid applause from the assembly. Mr. Baillie gave an address and Mr. Prince told about his tour in the United States and attending a mute convention with 500 members. Mrs. Harvey gave her experience among the American associations. The president made Mrs. Gardner (Maggie Russel of Prince Edward Island) wife of Mr. James Gardner, of Winnipeg (Maitoba), a Newfoundlander, an honorary member.

The membership roll was then called, after which the morning session adjourned about noon so that the delegates could be photographed on the Court House steps by Mr. Prince.

At 2 P.M. they assembled for the afternoon session. The president received an invitation from the Y. M. C. A. for the association to attend the Truro A. A. sports in afternoon and sent a reply of thanks and regret as the association was not in condition to leave its business matters for the sports. The election of officers for 1907-08 then came up. Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Prince, Mr. Baillie, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Allen, Miss Edith Morrison and Mr. Ruggles were appointed Committee on Nominations.

The election resulted as follows: For President, G. S. Mackenzie, Moncton, re-elected by acclamation for third term.

1st Vice-president for New Brunswick—S. J. Doherty, St. John re-elected by acclamation.

2nd Vice-president for Nova Scotia—Mrs. A. Harvey, Halifax.

Secretary, Leonard Goucher, Halifax, (re-elected by acclamation) with his wife as his assistant.

Treasurer, Alfred Harvey, Halifax (re-elected by acclamation).

St. John, New Brunswick, was decided on as the place of the next annual convention.

The afternoon session adjourned at 5 P.M.

A very pleasant social was spent in the evening. Refreshments were served in the Y. M. C. A.

parlors, after which the delegates returned to the hall. Messrs. Stanton, Crawford, Prince and Mrs. A. Harvey told some amusing stories. Mr. Dryden, the Iron Jaw deaf-mute, gave an exhibition of his prowess, and the rest of the evening was spent in conversation.

The Convention resumed its business Tuesday at 10 A.M., Mr. Boal opening with prayer. Before this session Mr. Prince showed the sample photographs he took while attending the Illinois College of Photography last year. The president appointed Messrs. Ruggles, Harvey, Allen and Miss E. Morrison directors for Nova Scotia, and Messrs. Prince, Baillie, Brown and Miss B. McLean, directors for New Brunswick. He made Mr. Prince manager for the next convention by agreement of the association. Treasurer Harvey gave a report of the accounts. It was resolved that should the president be absent and not heard from, the vice-president shall be called to fill the position of president, and that the date of the next annual convention shall be outside of the exhibition dates and in the spring. Mr. Boal appealed to the association for support in establishing a missionary fund. This question was left for consideration at the next convention.

President Mackenzie called for the question of George Tait or William Gray as the founder of the Halifax School. Mr. Ruggles favored Wm. Gray and Mrs. Robt. Tuper declared Tait was the founder. The president spoke of Tait and Gray according to Mrs. Hughes, daughter of Wm. Gray and said Wm. Gray had the sign: "Deaf and Dumb School" on his tailor shop window, which would mean the founding of the school.

Mr. Clifford Black, of Sackville, N. B., one of the first pupils of the Halifax Institution established in 1857, said he knew Tait and Gray well and would favor Tait as the founder. The copy of the *Recorder* of Halifax containing the account of the life of Geo. Tait was shown. Mr. Hodges said Wm. Gray was his teacher and thought that Tait was the founder. Mrs. George Tait, widow, was asked to give an account of the life of her late husband. The short gray-haired lady was received with courtesy on the platform and gave an account of her husband in connection with the school started in 1856, and said he handed his pupil, Mary Jane Fletcher, to Wm. Gray and advised him to teach her as his (Tait) time was engaged in Carpentry with his uncle, but he supplied it with desks, benches, etc., he made and supplied it with liberal collections. The president appointed a committee of eight to consider the question and Tait received two votes and Gray six. This majority settles the proposed plan for a monument to be placed on the Halifax School grounds. The question of another one for Tait was put off for the present.

Secretary Goucher gave a report of his expenses after which the morning session was adjourned.

The Mayor and Town Council gave the delegates an enjoyable two hours' talyho drive in the afternoon. There were twenty-two teams in procession, including the Mayor's carriage. The last team in line was a five-seated carriage, the last seat of which alone sat the President of the Association proudly looking over the procession. They drove about the town and out to the Provincial Government Experimental farm with the brick College of Agriculture on it, across the Farm with well-grown crops and stock, back through the town to Victoria Park, a beautiful natural park with falls including the "Holy Well," so called by a thirsty Indian who asked for a cup of spring water from the well, that was given him by a sweet little white maid whose life was protected by him afterward many years ago. Here they halted to be photographed by Mr. Prince, and then returned to the Y. M. C. A. hall, where they were photographed on the front steps at 5 P.M.

In the evening they assembled again for the last session and the president called for the business matters and a vote of the thanks to the Mayor and town Council for the drive. Mr. Prince gave an address. Mr. Harvey gave one also and was thanked by Mr. Prince for his duties as treasurer which he

did well. The President reminded the assembly of the well-known couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Renwick, of St. John. Mr. Prince brought the Convention to a close with the Lord's Prayer.

NOTES.

Among the delegates was Secretary Goucher's wife Evelyn, a most beautiful woman.

Miss Agnes Johnston, the interpreter of the Mayor's address, who for the past eleven years has been at the Halifax School for the Deaf, resigned her position as oral teacher at the end of June last. She had left her home in Stewiacke for California, where she will reside with her brother.

Mayor Murray, Miss Johnston, Mr. Geo. Bateman, Mrs. Jas. Gardner, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. George Tait were made honorary members of the Association.

Mr. Bateman, of the Halifax school, was also present with Mr. Johnston.

The Nova Scotia mutes are eager to cross their provincial boundary to attend the St. John Convention next year, as most of them were never in New Brunswick.

Several well-known faces were missed at this convention, among which were Mr. Robert McDonald and wife, of Halifax, and S. J. Doherty, of St. John, with his charming companion. It is hoped that they will show up at the next Convention.

F. J. T. BOAL.

Eastern Canada.

The *Acadian Recorder* of September 11th, published in Halifax, N. S. says thus:

"Miss Agnes Johnson, who for the past 11 years has been on the staff of the Halifax School for the Deaf, resigned her position as oral teacher, which she has no efficiently filled, at the end of last term, June 30th. About the first of October she leaves her home, Middle Stewiacke, for Emeryville, California, where she will reside with her brother, Augustus, who has been a resident of California for the past 18 years, and is now in the real estate business in Emeryville."

Miss Johnson, who is a very pleasant young lady, was the interpreter at the Third Convention of the M. D. M. A., held in Truro, N. S. Before the close of the convention she kindly contributed a five dollar bill towards a monument in honor of the founder of the Halifax School, Mr. William Gray, by handing to Mr. Mackenzie, the president of the M. D. M. A., who has proposed to raise a collection. We all trust that she will have a most delightful journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myers, of St. John, N. B., are very much pleased with a set of beautiful dishes, which was given to them as a present from Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myers for several days during their visit in St. John, in September, before they returned home to Bridgetown, N. S., and Mr. and Mrs. Myers appreciate it very much.

Mr. S. J. Doherty, president of the St. John Deaf-Mute Association, who is First Vice-President of the M. D. M. A., has been off for three weeks to Boston and New York. We trust he will have returned home much refreshed after his pleasant journey. Joe, please do not talk too much about these cities, for your city is all right.

The St. John silent community has been increased by Mr. Alexander Ross, of Cape Breton, who has secured a good position in the cotton factory at the above city. He has been working in the cotton factory at Windsor, N. S., for some time.

Your correspondent forgot to mention that the lightning struck Mr. Clinton D. Donkin's residence in Amherst, N. S., when one of the worst terrible thunder storms visited his native town one day in July last. It happened when Mr. and Mrs. Donkin were just starting to enjoy their dinner and the lightning went through the chimney, the damage costing about one hundred dollars.

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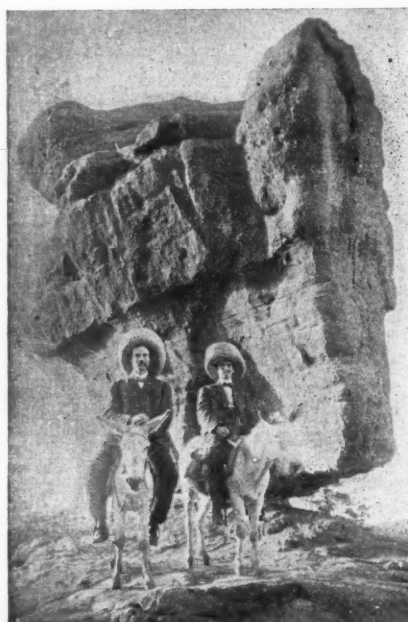
Editorial.

Come to think of it, we are all silent workers as well as frats.

Don't allow the autumn frosts to get at your crop of applications.

Talk costs nothing, brothers. Do a little of it to those friends of yours who are on the fence.

When a lodge or other fraternal organization tells you you are not eligible just remember that the N.



BALANCED ROCK NEAR COLORADO SPRINGS.

Bro. Oscar Pearson, of Chicago, riding the Colorado Goat under the directorship of Bro. C. P. Jones, of Colorado Springs.

F. S. D. was organized for just such "ineligibles."

Our divisions must not forget to take some interest in their members in a social way; show them they joined something else besides a life-insurance organization.

Those of us who joined the Society so long ago that we are growing gray in spots and bald in others from the strenuous experience of the past would do the same thing again if we had our lives to live over.

The cut of Columbus Division contains the charter members of the division and also has in the group Past-Organizer Geary, of Chicago, and Secretary Reitman, of Springfield, who were present at the organizing of the division.

We wish our friends would cease discussing the injustice of the hearing fraternities in refusing admission to the deaf and put their shoulders to the wheel the N. F. S. D. has started a-rolling. They would be doing some good then, sure.

The Society, during the period from the Detroit

Convention in 1905 to the Cincinnati Convention in 1907 paid death, accident and sick benefit claims amounting to \$400 and \$1,280 respectively, an average of \$70 monthly for the 24-months term.

The editor of THE SILENT WORKER has our thanks for his cheery words of greeting to this department as given in the October issue. We wish he were one of us, for with many such optimistic workers added to those we already have we would quickly accomplish all he hopes we are destined to do.

There was no September number of *The Frat* because the matter which would have gone into such issue went into the October Frat Department—this will make but little difference, and it may be styled the September issue with no strain upon our imagination as it is practically September news.

Are you a Frat? If not, let us show you why you should be (if you do not see that already) by sending to headquarters for such information as may be wanted. We have a little circular which will give you a complete insight of our objects, cost of membership, etc., which is yours for the asking.

In this month's "department" are presented cuts of two of the Society's hustling grand officers. Organizer Dolan needs no good words from us, his work "has spoken for itself." Sergeant Stevenson showed his mettle at Cincinnati and is known all over the Buckeye state for his interest in his fellow men.

The Frat having been discontinued and this department substituted it is not possible for us to send our little paper to our former exchanges. Would it be asking too much should we request these exchanges to continue their visits as usual? The editor of this department would reciprocate in any way in his power.

Headquarters possesses quite a "portrait gallery." On the walls are group photos of the following divisions: Chicago, Detroit, Saginaw, Louisville (officers), Dayton, Bay City, Nashville, Springfield and Columbus. There is room for more and those divisions not in above list are asked to send theirs. Groups of the Chicago, Detroit and Cincinnati conventions have also been added to the collection.

Division Notes and Personals.

Patrick Dolan and Fred L. Harris, of Louisville Division were elected vice-presidents of the Kentucky Alumni Association at the recent meeting of that body.

Mrs. Ernest Huber, of Jeffersonville, Ind., died September 14, and Mrs. James Cullen, of Fond du Lac, Wis., in August.

George Hanson, of Bay City, spent the summer sailing on the great lakes.

Luddie Herbest is back in Bay City, as he found farming was not his forte.

Bay City Division was well represented at Flint Division's picnic and reports Flint as being way up in the art of entertaining.

Alfred Pudvan, of Bay City, was "surprised" on his birthday, the 7th ult.

Ernest Reineke, of Chicago, sergeant of the Detroit Convention, is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a son and heir.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor were the guests of



COLUMBUS DIVISION, N. F. S. D., COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mr. and Mrs. Mebane, at Chicago, the week of October 5.

Fred Bourcier, of Detroit, was a recent visitor at headquarters, leaving for Milwaukee to take a position in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz, of Dayton, were entertaining a "new woman" recently left in their care by Bro. Stork.

Dayton's deaf population was quite a little diminished the later part of August—several attended the reunion at Columbus and others took their vacations, Mr. Bice going to his old home and Mr. Fowler taking in the Mercer County Fair.

The members of Detroit Division who reside in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor are talking of forming a division of their own.

Columbus Division gave a lawn fete August 31 during reunion week and started its local fund with something like a double-eagle.

Among the frats in evidence at the Ohio reunion were Messrs. Charles Friday, of Chicago; Wortman, Augustus, Pershing, Hines, Cory, Hoel, Norrish, Stremmel, of Dayton; Miller, Blachshleger, Goldberg, Melampy, of Cincinnati; Pitzer, Swords, Reitman, Jeffries, Wilson, Alexander, Barnes, of Springfield; Hannan, Kaintz, McGowan, of Toledo; also all of Columbus Division members.

C. M. Rice, Columbus Division's hustling secretary, was the recipient of a "surprise" September 19, the day marking his passing another mile-stone on life's journey.



PATRICK DOLAN,
Organizer for Kentucky, National Fraternal
Society of the Deaf.

Messrs. Allen and Ellerhorst, of Cincinnati, are reported as being the happiest men on the division roster just now, Bro. Stork having brought each a boy.

John A. Welter, of Marshalltown, Ia., will ask heavy damages from the Chicago & Great Western for injuries received in a wreck recently. Welter was returning from Omaha, when the train collided with another in the yards at Marshalltown, and he was stooping over in his seat in the act of picking up his grip when the jar came. He was thrown forward against the seat, striking his left eye on the partition. As a result of the accident he will lose the sight of his eye.—*Deaf American*.

The engagement is announced of Fred Hyman, of Chicago, to Miss Anna Weisser, of St. Louis.

Charles E. Itskin, of Louisville, was married, to Miss Mary McShane, at Covington, Ky., August 28.

MARRIED—At Fort Smith, Ark., August 25, Jas. J. Bata, of Little Rock, to Miss Golda Reeves, of Green Forest, Rev. J. W. Michaels officiating.

John H. Mueller and Roy Conkling, of Cincinnati, are preparing to resume their studies at Gallaudet College after the holidays.

Clarence A. Corey has returned from his western trip and is back at his "case" in Kalamazoo, Mich.

C. P. Jones, of Colorado Springs, is a member of the local committee which is to arrange for the 1910 National Association Convention in that city. Help him boost, and get ready for 1910 everybody.

Louisville Division gave a party at the home of F. L. Harris, October 19.

Charles Kessler, of Chicago, was a visitor at Cincinnati recently. He attended the September social of the division there and reports Cincinnati has not forgotten any of its entertaining ways.

Dayton Division announces a lecture under its auspices at Dayton, November 9, by Prof. R. H. Atwood of the Columbus school.

Dayton Division is officered as follows: Elmer Lewis, president; J. Ernest Pershing, vice-president; H. G. Augustus, secretary; Charles H. Cory, treasurer; W. G. Norrish, director; Elmer Fowler, sergeant; Jackson Bates, Elmer Lewis, B. C. Wortman, trustees.

The officers of Toledo Division are: Joseph Hartz, president; Gustav Kaintz, vice-president; John E. Curry, secretary; William Nichols, sergeant; Mathias Steinwand, treasurer; Dennis Hannan, director; William Bartow, Gustav Kaintz, J. E. Curry, trustees.

From reports from various divisions it would seem that one and all intend to have social events and lectures during the coming winter. Milwaukee announces its first annual ball as scheduled for January 11.

Clinton Blayney, of Chicago, was assisted in the

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GALLAUDET COLLEGE

celebration of his natal day, September 21, by several brother frats and their ladies.

Carl Duttell, of Brazil, Ind., recently entertained at dinner several Indiana frats, among them Messrs. George Breysacher, Richard Taylor, C. B. Morris and E. W. Hall.

W. L. Williams and C. W. D. Oliver, of Little Rock Division are now located in Pollock, La., and Oklahoma City, Okla., respectively.

Flint Division is feeling prosperous and will soon meet in a hall of its own.

Olathe Division held an election of officers October 9, taking time by the forelock instead of waiting till December as should have been the case. The following are the officers elected: E. H. McIlvain, president; P. W. Haner, vice-president; S. H. Lantz, secretary; G. W. Anderson, treasurer; J. A. Key, director; Alex. Benoit, sergeant; C. L. Fooshee, trustee.

Milwaukee Division gave a calico party October 19.

Isaac Larson, of Milwaukee, has settled down to rural life on a farm at Waukesha, while William Tischaefer has returned to the joys (?) of city life, moving in from Port Washington.

Among those attending the recent Arkansas reunion at Little Rock were Mr. and Mrs. James Bata and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fowler, recently married.

Rev. J. W. Michaels, of Little Rock, is in Texas on one of his mission trips. He is rarely seen at the meetings of his division these days.

George Martin, of Little Rock, is settled in his new home, erected during the summer. The house warming was attended to by his brother frats with all due dispatch.

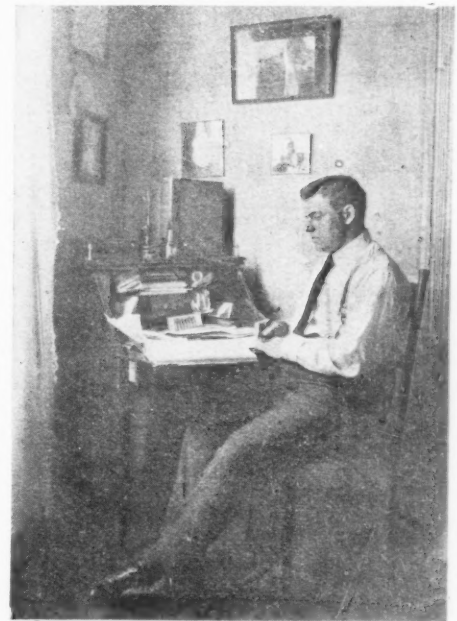


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SILENT WORKER ENG.
FRANK SPEARS,
Secretary of Chicago Division, N. F. S. D.

Ben Brown, of Little Rock, had his share of troubles this fall. In addition to his own siege of typhoid fever every member of his family went through it, so that benefit he drew looked pretty big to him.

Chicago Division had a meeting October 12 without an initiation, something unusual for Number One. Its director was noted as remarking he was thankful for the "vacation" and was sure "the animile would be all the butter for the rest."

State Organizer McGinness, of Ohio, was a visitor at headquarters, October 12 to 14, and attended Chicago Division's meeting on the 12th.

George Gaddis, of Chicago, is one of those more than pleased with the change from *Frat to Worker* as he is an ex-New Jersey boy.

Messrs. Spears, Meck, Grimse and Samson, of

THE SILENT WORKER

In the October issue we gave the date of Toledo Division's meeting as the third Saturday it should have read the first Saturday.

Messrs. Spears, Meck, Grimse and Samson, of Chicago, have formed a chess league and are playing a series of games for the division championship.

Louisville Division is taking time by the forelock and is to have a bazaar on the afternoon and evening of November 27th, the proceeds to go to the fund the division has set about raising for the entertainment of the 1909 convention. The committee in charge has issued a circular requesting their friends to contribute appropriate articles for sale and Patrick Dolan, chairman, will be glad to receive and acknowledge all such. His address is 605 E. St. Catherine street, Louisville, Ky.

Financial Secretary's Report.

From September 1 to 30, 1907.

RECEIPTS.	
Chicago Division.....	\$110.25
Detroit Division.....	55.75
Saginaw Division (July, August and Sept.)	23.45
Louisville Division.....	28.95
Little Rock Division.....	32.85
Nashua Division.....	13.20
Dayton Division.....	12.50
Bay City Division.....	21.10
Cincinnati Division.....	25.65
Evansville Division.....	11.55
Nashville Division.....	4.40
Springfield Division.....	8.10
Olathe Division.....	3.85
Flint Division.....	6.05
Toledo Division.....	11.70
Milwaukee Division.....	3.30
Columbus Division.....	

Total Receipts and Balance.....\$372.65

Trustees' Note.—The above receipts were forwarded to Treasurer Barrow but did not reach him until October 3, so will go into his October receipts. Nashua Division remitted but Financial Secretary Martin has not reported same owing to some error in statement. Mr. Martin's bond is now \$1,000, and that of Treasurer Barrow \$2,000.

Treasurer's Report.

From September 1 to 30, 1907.

Balance, Last Statement.....\$2,924.76

RECEIPTS.	
Sale of Buttons.....	\$ 1.00
Fees sent in by error.....	10.00
Advance returned, Frat Editor.....	12.00

Total Balances and Receipts.....\$2,947.76

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sick and Accident Benefits—	
William Minaker, Saginaw.....	\$ 5.00
D. C. Sampson, Louisville.....	20.00
J. F. C. Schutte, Cincinnati.....	5.00
F. J. Goetz, Cincinnati.....	25.00
W. Slonkowski, Dayton.....	5.00
J. F. Reinhardt, Springfield.....	30.00
W. L. Heck, Flint.....	10.00
N. B. Stewart, Nashville.....	10.00
B. F. Brown, Little Rock.....	25.00
Printing Application Blanks.....	5.00
Cor. Secretary's Postage.....	2.00
Rec. Secretary's Postage.....	.66
Correcting Seals.....	2.00
Milwaukee Stationery.....	3.25
Office Rent.....	13.00
Frat Expenses and Postage.....	5.40
Trustees' Postage and Expenses.....	2.00
Expressage and Expressing.....	1.95
Office Expenses, Supplies, etc.....	2.26
Ledgers, Treasurer and Fin. Secretary.....	5.75
Fees Returned (Received in error).....	10.00
Secretary's Desk and Chair.....	17.00
Editor of Frat (Appropriation).....	50.00
Bond Premium, Fin. Secretary.....	7.50
Treasurer's Postage.....	.50
Gas, July and August.....	3.23
Badges and Buttons.....	9.90

Total Disbursements.....\$ 276.40

RECAPITULATION.	
Total Balances and Receipts.....	\$2,947.76
Total Expenditures.....	276.40
Total Balances, September 30.....	\$2,671.36

STANDING OF THE FUNDS.

At the close of the term ending June 30, 1907.

Funds.	Receipts.	Expended.	Bal.
General Fund (45 per cent).....	\$3,028.03	\$2,318.14	\$709.89
Benefit " (25 " " ".....)	1,682.23	1,280.00	402.23
Emergency " (10 " " ".....)	672.89	672.89
Reserve Fund (10 " " ".....)	672.89	672.89
Legal " (5 " " ".....)	336.45	227.50	108.95
Home " (5 " " ".....)	336.44	336.44
Death Assessments.....	630.00	400.00	230.00
San Francisco Fund.....	107.50	107.00	.50

Totals\$7,466.43 \$4,332.64 \$3,133.79

Applications for Membership.

(From the register of the General organizer, giving name, division and residence.)

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David W. Wilson, (Louisville).....	Danville, Ky.
Fred G. Packard, (Nashua).....	Derry, N. H.

One On Brother Stevenson.

One of the Findlay papers of a recent date had the following anent Grand Sergeant P. L. Stevenson, who has been in the County Recorder's office of that city for many years:

"Deputy County Recorder Stevenson, better known as 'Steve,' who can neither hear nor speak but who is one of the best accountants in the court house, was the victim of absentmindedness and caused considerable fun among his fellow office employees yesterday.

"A man came into the office to have a deed recorded, and 'Steve' reached for his pen which is usually behind his ear. It was not there nor could he see it any where. He made a thorough search of the office, when another person asked for what he was looking.

"Mr. Stevenson wrote the subject of his quest on a piece of paper and the other man reached up and pulled it out of his mouth. The county officials are having great fun at the expense of the deputy recorder."



PRESTON L. STEVENSON
Sergeant, Grand Division, N. F. S. D.

The same paper also had this to say about him:—
"Preston L. Stevenson has been employed in the county recorder's office for twenty years, having first begun his work there in 1887. He has been longer engaged in the court house than any other person in the history of the county. In his twenty years of service he has done a remarkable amount of work as a copyist. In that time he has written on an average 6,380 words a day, 38,280 words a week, 153,120 words a month, 1,837,440 words a year, and in twenty years he has written 36,748,800 words. He has written 21,997 pages of deed records, 18,588 pages of mortgage records, and 4,555 pages of lease records, besides many pages of mechanics liens, chattle mortgages and other records, or a grand total of over 44,000 pages. Previous to com-

ing to Findlay Mr. Stevenson worked in the recorder's office in Hardin County, and while there he wrote nearly 12,000,000 words. There are not many persons any where who have written so many as Mr. Stevenson."

National Association of the Deaf.

Acting under instructions from the National Convention at Norfolk, Va., July 4th-6th, I take pleasure in announcing the following Standing and Special Committees for the Triennial term 1907-1910:

The Industrial Bureau:

Warren Robinson, Director, Delvan, Wis.
Alex. L. Pach, New York City.
Phil. L. Axling, Wenatchee, Wash.
Ferd. Harrison, Washington, D. C.
Oscar H. Regensburg, Los Angeles, Cal.

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Mrs. Henry Winter Syle, Philadelphia, Pa.
John C. Winemiller, Colorado Springs, Col.
Robert C. Miller, Morgantown, N. C.

The Committee on the Endowment Fund:

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Dr. Thomas F. Fox, New York City.
Chester C. Codman, Chicago, Ill.
Oscar H. Regensburg, Los Angeles, Cal.
Jay Cooke Howard, Duluth, Minn.

The Committee to Confer with the Civil Service Commission:

E. Clayton Wyand (Chairman), Frederick, Md.
William C. Ritter, Hampton, Va.
Oliver J. Whildin, Baltimore, Md.

The Committee to Confer with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's "Committee on Eugenics," nine members assigned as follows:

Dr. J. L. Smith (Chairman), Fairbault, Minn., and Albert Berg, Indianapolis, Ind., to correspond with Dr. Bell and the other members of his Committee;
Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss and Dr. A. G. Draper to Confer personally with Dr. Bell and the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, both residing at Washington;
E. A. Hodgson and A. L. Pach, of New York, to Confer with Dr. Charles Woodruff and Mr. M. Ward, members of the Bell Committee, residing in New York;
Dr. Geo. T. Dougherty, C. C. Codman and F. P. Gibson, to meet Professor Henderson, of the Department of Sociology, of the University of Chicago.

The announcement of several other committees is deferred for a week or two, pending instructions from the Executive Committee.

Faternally,

G. W. VEDITZ,

President National Association of the Deaf.
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., July 30, 1907.

Lakewood, Queen of Fall Resorts.

Of all Fall resorts where people congregate for social pleasures and outdoor sports, Lakewood easily leads. It is but 59 miles from New York and in the heart of the great pine region of New Jersey, proverbial for its sandy soil, light, resinous air and a perfect climate. The resort is a sanitarium only as one desires to make it, and the idea should be dispelled that none go there except for recuperation. On the contrary, Lakewood is a great social centre for all that wealth can conceive in the way of indoor and outdoor pleasures and sports, and has a reputation as such which is world-wide. The delightful outdoor sports, golf, the hunt, boating on Lake Carasajlo, polo, driving, riding and cycling, are kept up from October until May, and no more healthful courses or roads exist anywhere. Lakewood is reached only by the New Jersey Central in fast, vestibuled parlor car trains that depart at convenient hours from stations in New York at foot of Liberty Street and 23d Street. Lakewood Booklet on application to W. C. Hope, G. P. A., N. Y. City.—Adv.

With Our Exchanges

CONDUCTED BY R. B. LLOYD.

The Sexton Manufacturing Co., of Fairfield, Illinois, makers of underwear, are advertising for 150 deaf girls to take positions in their factory. They tried several and were so well pleased that they have decided to fill the factory with deaf girls if they can secure them.—*Ky. Standard*.

The lettering of the names of the graduates of the California School for the Deaf on the diplomas last June, was done by two of the pupils, Misses Mollie and Norah Simpson, and very satisfactorily done.

Revue des Sourds-Muets gives the names of six deaf artists whose work is displayed at the Salon. Their names are:—Albert Mille, Paul Choppin, Ferdinand Hamar, Leon Morice, Rene Vavasseur-Desperriers, and Leon Lambert.

The Berkeley, California, School had a little earthquake shock June 5. It took place at about half past twelve and lasted for several seconds, being accompanied by the customary rumbling in the earth. It did no damage.

The General Assembly of North Carolina passed a compulsory attendance law at its last session which will evidently benefit a number of deaf children whose parents either do not want to send them to a school or are in ignorance of the existence of any for their education.

The teachers, officers and pupils of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind visited the Cliff Dwellings, near Manitou, Sept 16. These wonderful ruins were an object of great interest to the children as well as to their elders. It was certainly a great treat and we wish we had been one of the party.

Once there was a poor but dishonest deaf-mute who decided to become a foot-pad, but he did not know how to proceed properly with the necessary formula as he could not speak. At last he got a man to shout the words "Your money or your life," into a phonograph. Then he had the record attached to a small phonograph, easily carried in one hand. Whenever he desired to hold up a wayfarer he simply pressed the button and the phonograph did the rest. At any rate this is what a picture in *Life* indicates.—*California News*.

Mr. Harris Taylor, our Supervising Teacher, lived in Texas for many years but strange to say never learned to handle a six-shooter or shot gun with any degree of skill. He is taking lessons in dove shooting and under Mr. Robinson's tuition has gotten to the point where he can successfully resist the impulse to shut his eyes before pulling the trigger. In time he hopes to reach the point where he will have something to show for an afternoon in the hemp fields.—*Kentucky Standard*.

The California School has discontinued the teaching of printing on the ground that those who learn it are unable to follow it when they leave school. The experience of the California School seems to be different from that of most other schools where printing is taught. Nearly every boy who learned it at the New Jersey School follows it now and gets better wages than the graduates who work at other trades. The same is true of the New York Institution.

Rene Dusuzeau, a son of Ernest Dusuzeau and Mme. Dusuzeau, was married last April to Mile Sabine Gautier. Mme. Dusuzeau was formerly Miss Matilda Freeman, a graduate of the New York Institution for the Deaf about forty years ago, and will be remembered, by those who knew her, for her beauty and vivacity. Her husband was a professor at the National Institution for the Deaf, and like herself is deaf.

The Superintendent sends to all patrons of the school a circular in which he cautions them to mark distinctly the names of the pupils on their clothes. This is done not only that we may distinguish the clothes, but that we may identify the new deaf pupils who come to school without knowing that they have names.

One fifteen-year-old boy came at the beginning of the session with his name embroidered in large capitals across the outside of his coat from shoulder to shoulder. Certainly there was no trouble about his identity but another case was that of a little deaf boy who came with only his initials marked on his clothes. The little fellow was unable, of course, to tell his name or where he came from and it was several days before the Superintendent could find a clue to his identity. In the meantime the boy had become fully reconciled to his new surroundings, and was romping with his playmates, caring very little, apparently, as to his past history.—*Goodson Gazette*.

At the opening of school when all the new pupils had been assigned to classes, while the teachers were enrolling their respective pupils, the teacher of the second grade oral department discovered a small boy in her class whose name she could not learn. All efforts to ascertain his name proved futile, and as a last resort the Superintendent wrote to each home from whence a new pupil had come, giving a description of the little fellow. Thus the pupil's identity was established, and there was no other way, apparently. How glad the father will be when his child has imparted to him the power of communication!—*Deaf Carolinian*.

The ones who succeed in this world are those who qualify themselves for something and stick to it, in spite of bad crops, high water, and the measles. And it is not always the ones with the greatest amount of brains who succeed the best. Often the greatest victories are won only through great effort and many hardships.

The best thing a parent can do for a child, is to compel him to finish whatever he undertakes, no matter how much he may cry and rebel against it; with a gentle firmness keep him at it until he has done the thing he started out to do.

Success is a kind of habit. There is only this difference between a failure and a success,—one quits success and the other holds on.—*Success*.

Two deaf boys proved themselves heroes at a West Side fire Friday afternoon when they saved the life of an aged colored woman, who was paralyzed and alone in the house, with the exception of a little girl.

The fire was at the home of Thos. Thorton, a barber residing at 1048 Previene street. His aged mother and little daughter were alone in the house, his wife being down the street.

The blaze was discovered by George M. Ziegler, Jr., and he, with the help of John Abie, of Cleveland, who is visiting him, carried the aged crippled woman to a neighbor's house. They then called the fire department and carried much of the furniture out of the house.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

Conditions are different here in Virginia, and printing is one of the very best trades any boy can learn. We can name just now a dozen graduates of the *Goodson* office who are profitably employed in newspaper or job printing offices throughout the State. The wages earned range from \$12 a week to \$1300 per year. In some instances publishers have engaged the services of our printer boys before their school term has expired. This is not because typesetting-machines have not found favor with Virginia publishers. They are used in all prominent offices, and still there is a demand for good men at the case—at least for our typesetters. With rare exceptions, the boys turned out from our office have been sober, steady fellows, good workmen and strictly attentive to business. They have established a reputation for efficiency and reliability and have thus won the general favor with the publishers.—*Goodson Gazette*.

The following from the Washington correspondent of the *Kansas City Journal* will be of interest to the members of our profession who know Miss Rice:

The last census of the Philippines showed that there were ninety-two deaf and dumb children in Manila, so the government decided to establish a school for them there. Miss Delight Rice, a teacher of experience in that line, was sent over to Manila to conduct the school. Advices from Manila say that Miss Rice has raked the town with a fine tooth comb and cannot find a solitary deaf and dumb child.

Well, if Miss Rice cannot find any children over there, she may—perhaps—find somebody else who needs her.—*Kansas Star*.

Mr. E. Souweine was called to court last week, as an expert witness in a suit involving a question of charges for wood-engraving, and acquitted himself so well that the presiding judge commended him. Mr. Souweine has been an engraver for considerably more than a quarter of a century, and during the past eighteen years has conducted a business of his own, employing constantly several hearing engravers. His business has been twice destroyed by fire, and he has also had the unique but not pleasant experience of being run over by a fire wagon. Nothing deterred, in each case he started business anew, and after the doctor had patched him up in the run-over accident, he pluckily climbed back to business again. He is now as sound as ever—physically as well as financially—and lives in a new house which he recently purchased at Grantwood, N. J. Mr. Souweine was educated at the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes, in New York City.—*Deaf-Mutes' Journal*.

An example of what a person with apparently insurmountable obstacles in his path can do to better himself is shown by L. Samuels, shoemaker. He was educated at Fanwood, but so far as the literary part of it went he seemed to have forgotten all he learned, but in the manual part, he acquired a proficiency that commanded a great part of the revenue that went with the repairing of the shoes of officers and other pupils who wanted neat work and were willing to pay for it. After leaving Fanwood he worked for some cobblers, and finally set up a small shop for himself at 29 Coenties Slip. Located as it was among the lounging and shipping places of longshoremen and seamen he became well known to the watermen, and went among the canal and tow boats and ships and collected custom work. At some time he had under him two men, and often made as much as \$40 a week. His rent was \$25 a month. Last month he was told to get out, as Joseph A. McClun & Co., steamship supplies, etc., had leased the building for five years. He apparently did not have many friends, but when he found himself in trouble some people who expected to take advantage of him were surprised at the many new faces that came to his aid. He offered as much as \$40 a month rent to be allowed to remain, but had to take out his things and stow them in a cellar till he can find another place.—*Deaf-Mutes' Journal*.

In the Western Union Telegraph Office at Portland, Me., the operator who is said to be one of the best in the business, has been totally deaf for the past eight years. His name is Peter J. Foley and he is forty years old.

The *New York Herald* of recent issue says of him:

"Foley has been with the company eighteen years. When he realized that his hearing was failing he began to develop his other faculties. To the operator, the loss of hearing has invariably meant the loss of a livelihood. After his misfortune he was put at office work on his regular salary. Soon, however, he amazed his manager by announcing that he was ready to take up his old position. He practised until watching a sounder he could interpret dots and dashes. By lightly resting his fingers over the sounding bar he also takes messages by the sense of feeling."

His chief difficulty is answering calls, which makes it necessary for him to watch his sounder. He has one advantage, however, over the other operators, in being able to keep his instruments adjusted accurately. So accurate has become his sense of touch that he detects the least change of current."

From the time deafness or blindness is discovered in a child to the time for it to be placed in a school, the one thought uppermost in the mind of the parent is how to bear the separation that must take place. In very many instances the afflicted one at the age of six has never been away from the mother a single night, and has practically had the entire family at his beck and call at any time day or night, all his life. For such a child the natural love of the parent is greatly increased and augmented because of its affliction and because it is human nature to care most for those that cost us most in care and protection. To such parents it would seem impossible that a child so humored could go among strangers and be, after a little while, obedient, happy and contented. Because they themselves feel the separation so keenly, they think the child, small, timid and helpless, must feel it still more and the thought of a homesick, weeping, unhappy child is simply unbearable. The parents forget, or have never noticed, two or three facts in child-life. The first of these is that the child's feelings and affections are not so deep-seated as those of adult life. A death in a family that will grieve the mother's heart for years is forgotten in a week by the ordinary strong, normal child—a wise provision of a wise Providence to prevent his life from becoming a perpetual round of sorrow and mourning. In the second place any child deprived of hearing or sight very soon discovers that it is missing something in life enjoyed by his normal brothers, sisters and friends. Exactly what that something is he does not quite understand, but just let him get at a place where he is made to know and understand, and he likes that place. Let him find that there are others like himself and he is in great measure reconciled to what he has supposed was peculiar to himself alone.

If a serious minded, intelligent parent will remember all this and will consider what it means to a child, so heavily handicapped, to grow to manhood or womanhood without an education, he will not let his own feelings weigh as much as a feather in deciding to place the child in school as soon as eligible. To keep him at home and lose the years when the mind is most plastic and most easily trained, is a species of selfishness that only a comparatively thoughtless person could possibly entertain. Of the twenty new pupils entered this fall not one was homesick a whole day, and a happier lot of little folks would be hard to find.—*Col. Index*.

The Sixth Biennial Conference of the National Association of Teachers of the Deaf of Great Britain and Ireland held at Edinburgh from July 20th to August 2nd was also the first held in the United Kingdom. That it might be truly international, those having charge of the arrangements enlisted the aid of the Foreign Office of the Government to invite the nations of the earth to send regularly accredited representatives to take part in the deliberations, thus establishing a precedent which it is hoped will be followed at all future international invitations, while others acknowledge it without sending representatives, some of these were, however, unofficially represented. Out of the total attendance of considerably over two hundred there were thirty-eight from outside the United Kingdom representing the following countries: Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Holland, Russia, Natal, New Zealand, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Queensland, South Australia, and the United States.

The official representatives from the United States were Dr. A. L. E. Crouter (Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Philadelphia), Miss Mary Garrett (Home for the Training in Speech of Deaf Children before they are of School Age, Bala, Philadelphia), Dr. Warring Wilkinson (California Institution for the Deaf and Blind, Berkeley), President E. M. Gallaudet (Gallaudet College, Washington), Mr. F. W. Booth (Washington) Editor of *The Association Review*, Dr. E. A. Fay (Washington) Editor of *The American Annals of the Deaf* was also appointed but did not attend the Conference.

Others from the United States were Mr. T. C. Forrester (Montana School for Deaf and Blind, Boulder), Miss Gallaudet (Washington), Mr. Philip J. E. Rotherman (New York Institution for the Instruction of Deaf and Dumb, Washington Heights), Mr. E. S. Thompson (Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Philadelphia).

From the Canadian schools there were present Mr. James Fearon (Halifax Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Nova Scotia), Mr. J. W. Hansell (New Brunswick School for the Deaf and Dumb, St. John), Miss Mary Dempsey, Miss Margaret Ross, Mr. Thomas Rodwell (Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville).

Among the many distinguished representatives from the Continent were Signor Ferreri (Italy), Mr. Roorda (Holland), Messrs. Belanger and Dupont (France) and Messrs. Hansen and Forchhammer (Denmark).

Messrs. Barnes and Illingworth, the Conference Secretaries, deserve great praise for the success of the meeting.—*Mt. Atry World*.

Lancaster Pointers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Purvis, of "Archdale Farm," on Sunday, Oct. 20th, entertained a large company of their friends at dinner. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. Rohrer and two children, Esther and Isreal; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kulp; Messrs. John and Martin Denlinger; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kaufman and three daughters, Edith, Bertha and Ruth. All had a most pleasant time and enjoyed to the full one of the finest of fine dinners—Mrs. Purvis being an elegant cook.

Mr. David Sonders, who lost his reason while working in a Lancaster tobacco warehouse, was removed to the insane asylum this week. His mother, who is a widow, has the sympathy of all who know her. David is a graduate of the old Institution at Broad and Pine streets, Philadelphia, and was always thought a bright and honest boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Myers and daughter, of Lancaster, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Purvis the last Sunday in October.

Miss Anna M. Brunner spent a few days the past month in "visiting around" among the Rohrer, Kulp and Kauffman families and seemed to enjoy life pretty thoroughly.

Mrs. Maria L. Purvis was given a post-card surprise on the occasion of her birthday anniversary, receiving twenty of the pretty tokens of remembrances.

There are a new family of deaf-mutes near here now. A family named George Porter and wife who have located at what is known as Solomon's Temple near Leola, Lancaster Co. When we first heard the name of our new neighbors we thought THE SILENT WORKER's publisher had moved up a little closer, but it seems it is only a name-sake of his!

During the summer a very handsome school for boys, under the management of St. James' Episcopal Church members, has been opened here at Greenland. Rev. Frederic Gardner is the Principal, Prof. Barker is headmaster, Prof. Peifer, Prof. Coons and Prof. Nison on the staff of instructors, Mrs. Nusky is housekeeper and Gertrude M. Downey has been placed in charge of "Jaspar" and "Yeates" halls. This school was founded over half a hundred years ago by a wealthy Episcopalian—Jaspar Yeates—and is one of the finest and most popular schools for boys in the state. The pupils are the sons of wealthy men preparing for a college education and range in age from 8 to 18 years.

G. M. D.

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